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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

For the week beginning March 28, 2022, please could you provide the following:

The number of officers assigned to:

The force's gangs (OCG) units or drug squads

Specialist counter-terror unit or regional counter-terror network

Where gangs and drug units are separate, please could you provide separate figures?

For the officers in these units could you provide the number of officers or a percentage of the overall team who worked part of the week (beginning March 28) - either a day or part-day - from home or remotely out of the office?

For the previous point please understand remote working or working from home to mean using a home computer/laptop to work out of the office for a part/half-day or full day.

Police Scotland does not hold information in the format requested. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, this information would need to be collated by searching every person's individual record to identify which department they work in and their shift pattern.

To be of assistance there are currently 795 deployable officers within the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit OCCTU.

Police Scotland is committed to targeting Serious and Organised (SOC), which affects every member of Scottish society. A significant strand of this approach is the ethos of the Scottish Crime Campus, where all partner agencies including HMRC, Border Force and the National Crime Agency work effectively together sharing information, intelligence and resources. This ranges from diverting young people from becoming involved in serious and organised crime, deter Serious Organised Crime groups from infiltrating the legitimate business sector, detect offenders and cause the maximum amount of disruption to their daily business.

Although the number of officers dedicated to Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism are detailed, in order to deliver on policing priorities and ensuring the safety of all of our communities, as a national force Police Scotland has the flexibility to utilise all of its

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resources to tackle all aspects of Serious and Organised Crime and any threat from Terrorism.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.