| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0504  Responded to: 3 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know the number of safer schools officers employed by the force who were working full time in schools in the years 2019,2020,2021,2022,2023 and 2024.

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

By way of explanation, although a school may not have a designated Safer Schools Officer or school based officer it will have a designated Schools Liaison Officer. These can be full-time or part-time posts, where officers spend a proportion of their time working in schools and other education settings but also perform other policing functions.

By way of assistance, we have provided the table below which shows the total number of our Constable Campus and School/Youth engagement officers. The actual total of officers who work within schools may be higher.

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|  | **Officer Headcount** |
| 31/12/2019 | 89 |
| 31/12/2020 | 81 |
| 31/12/2021 | 91 |
| 31/12/2022 | 85 |
| 31/12/2023 | 76 |
| 31/12/2024 | 82 |

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.