

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2587
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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.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. By headcount how many patrol (response) Officers does Police Scotland currently have?

In reply to your question I must advise that all officers are considered response officers. That is to say that any officer providing that all necessary training and is in place, regardless of rank or named role can be tasked to respond to any ongoing incident.

As such, I can advise that the headcount figures is that Police Scotland currently has, as of the 31 October 2022, which is the most recent figures released by the Scottish Government is 16,696.

2. How many of those Officers in Q1 have three years' service or less?

Police Scotland has 1,930 police officers who have 3 years' service or less.

3. How many of those Officers in Q1 are qualified to drive a police vehicle with blue lights?

Police Scotland has 13,452 police officers who are blue light qualified.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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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.

