

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2248
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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.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

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

Please note that our [Substance Misuse Standard Operating Procedure](#) provides a framework for the prevention and management of substance misuse problems within Police Scotland.

The questions below have been answered on the basis of *with cause* substance misuse testing of serving police officers. *Recruitment* substance misuse testing of prospective police officers has not been included.

Please can you provide the number of substance misuse tests given to officers in each of the years 2018 to 2022 so far?

2018	3 officers tested. (Representing 6 tests)*
2019	4 officers tested. (Representing 8 tests)*
2020	2 officers tested. (Representing 4 tests)*
2021	5 officers tested. (Representing 10 tests)*
2022	1 officers tested. (Representing 2 tests)*

*Each officer tested had samples for hair and urine tested at same time.

Please state how many positive results were returned and the substance that was detected.

2018	1 officer tested positive, 2 tests for (Cocaine).
2019	1 officer tested positive, 1 test (Cocaine).
2020	1 officer tested positive, 1 test (Cocaine).
2021	3 officers tested positive, 3 tests for (Cocaine).
2022	0 officers tested positive.

Please state the disciplinary outcome following the test.

2018	1 Resignation prior to proceedings being complete
2019	1 Resignation prior to proceedings being complete
2020	1 Resignation prior to proceedings being complete
2021	3 Resignations prior to proceedings being complete
2022	No disciplinary proceedings

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee 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, Dalrnarnock, 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.

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