

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1609
Date: 09 August 2022



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.

1/ The number of officers that on the 31st July 2022 donate to the Police Treatment Centres

If possible could these be split between
PCSO's
CSI's
Warranted police officers
Detention / Custody officer
Other

I can advise you that there are 12,843 officers currently paying into the Police Treatment Centre. Given the volume of numbers involved I can advise you that Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied with regard to what position each officer holds. This is because each contributing officer would have to be cross referred between our payroll and posting systems.

I can also advise you that Police Treatment centres are for serving or retired police officers, as such support staff such as Criminal Justice Police Custody Support Officers, will not pay contributions.

Please also be advised that Police Scotland do have any Police Community Support Officers and Crime Scene Investigators are employed by the Scottish Police Authority. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You can contact the SPA via the following: foi@spa.police.uk

2/ The number of officers that on the 31st July 2022 donate to The Police Children's Charity (formerly St Georges Police Children Trust)

I can advise you that there are 9,887 officers currently paying into the Police Children's Charity.

3/ Your force strength at the 31st July 2022

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Please be advised that information regarding police officer and support staff numbers is publicly available.

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested and the exemption that I consider to be applicable is set out at Section 25(1) of the Act - information otherwise accessible:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under Section 1(1) is exempt information”

The information you are seeking is available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link: [Police Scotland Officer Numbers - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@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.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.

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