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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.

The number of officers by rank up to Chief Inspector in Police Scotland.

Rank	
Chief Inspector/Detective Chief Inspector	248
Inspector/Detective Inspector	875
Sergeant/Detective Sergeant	2,498
Police Constable/Detective Constable	13,466
Total	17,087

The average length of service by rank on promotion to next highest rank.

Rank	Average Length of Service – Years
Chief Superintendent/Detective Chief Superintendent	24
Superintendent/Detective Superintendent	23
Chief Inspector/Detective Chief Inspector	22
Inspector/Detective Inspector	19
Sergeant/Detective Sergeant	14
Average length of service	16

The average age by rank, on promotion to next highest rank.

Rank	Average Age - Years
Chief Superintendent/Detective Chief Superintendent	46
Superintendent/Detective Superintendent	46
Chief Inspector/Detective Chief Inspector	45
Inspector/Detective Inspector	43
Sergeant/Detective Sergeant	38
Average length of service	40

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

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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.

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