| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1515  Responded to: 12 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you provide me with the number of PCSO custody officers there are in Scotland? Could you breakdown by area: East, West and North.

Police Scotland currently have 358 Police community support custody officers. A breakdown per East, North and West is as follows:

East: 63

North: 81

West: 214

## Can you tell me how many of these are currently not fully deployable?

Please see table 1 below for the number of PCSO custody officers who are not fully deployable, broken down by requested area.

Table 1

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| Area | Non - deployable | Deployable with restrictions |
| East | 4 | 23 |
| North | 7 | 15 |
| West | 8 | 10 |

## Are you able to break the reason down in more detail i.e. not been issued body armour, out of date OST, disability, can’t work nightshits.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, this breakdown of data is not achievable by digital search of police Scotland’s HR recording systems. The only way to collate this data in an accurate and concise manner would be to individually assess each officer’s personal record and training records for relevance. Additionally, it is not mandatory to record any disability or exact reasons for any required modifications. In the interest of confidentiality and data protection, any reasons for modifications to deployment hours is recorded by line managers and is not visible on the HR system.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.