Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1367

Date: 27 July 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.

Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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

How many of the 1800 or so officers who were going to be in the category this year of notching up at least 25 years' service and 50 years of age have now signalled their intention to retire early this year. At least 600 had already signalled their intention to go early but that the door remained open for others to choose early retirement, so I'm keen to know whether the figure has increased in any significant way.

In response to your request, we can advise that the current number, as at 25 July 2022, of officers with at least 25 years' known service who are aged at least 50 and have signalled their intention to retire between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 is 850.

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, 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.

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