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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please tell me for the following years - 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (as of June 23rd 2025):**

* **The total number of serving and former police officers and staff from your force who have died by suspected suicide**
* **The total number of serving and former police officers and staff from your force who have died by suspected suicide - with the death recorded during or after misconduct proceedings**

**Can I request that this information is:**

* **Broken down clearly by individual year**
* **Broken down by whether the individuals were either serving or former officers and staff**

A total of 11 officers and staff have died due to suicide whilst off duty from 1 January 2020 to 31st May 2025. At the time of this request data for June 2025 is not available.

2020 – 1

2021 – 2

2022 – 2

2023 – 2

2024 – 4

There have been 3 officers who have died by suspected suicide - with the death recorded during or after misconduct proceedings during the requested timescale.

With regards to former officers and staff, I must advise the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, personnel files of ex-employees are not maintained.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.