

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1779
Date: 13 September 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.

- **Whether Police Scotland provides financial support to officers and staff seeking to attend the psychological wellbeing and counselling programmes at the two Police Treatment Centres, in Harrogate and Auchterarder.**
- **How many officers and staff have been granted a) financial support (if provided) or b) leave from work to attend one of these programmes in each of the last three years**
- **Whether Police Scotland refers officers and staff to these programmes and, if so, how many officers and staff have a) requested or b) been referred to one of these programmes in each of the last three years**
- **How many officers and staff have attended one of these programmes in each of the last three years**
- **How many places on these programmes are available to Police Scotland officers and staff each month in a calendar year.**

In response to your request, please find below a Table, which provides the number of police officer and police staff who have attended a police treatment centre recorded on their duty roster on SCOPE.

	Police Officer	Police Staff
2022/2021	111	0
2021/2022	425	4
2022 - 30 August 2022	277	5

Officers and staff are given special leave to attend the treatment centre and are also still paid their salary.

Police Scotland do not refer officer and staff as such, the referral is agreed with GP/Optima and signed off by the line manager.

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With regards to programmes and availability, we do not record this information. 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.

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.

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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