| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2852Responded to: 19 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1.An up to date operational cost for providing an officer to any incident per hour (my last data has £25/£30.08 for constable/sergeant in 2019)**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Pay and Grading Structure - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/finance/pay-and-grading-structure/)

**2.Any information Police Scotland may have on how this compares to other police forces in the UK (London, rest of England, Northern Ireland) – for example, are Police Officer pay scales consistent across the UK or would I have to seek costing from other forces**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. Please note, you would need to apply to each force for their pay scales.

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 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 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.