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

## The number of special constables employed in 2023-24.

Please note that Special Constables are not classified as employees of Police Scotland. They are volunteers who hold the office of Constable within the Police Service of Scotland, as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

However, to be of assistance I can confirm that as of 31 March 2024, Police Scotland had 383 serving Special Constables. It is important to note that the number of active Special Constables fluctuates throughout the year due to changes in personal circumstances, recruitment, and other factors.

## The number of special constables employed in 2023-24.

I can confirm that 339 Special Constables had active entries on their duty rosters within the 2023-24 financial year. Please note that the term "deployed" can encompass various activities and that this figure includes not only operational deployments but also court attendances and training days.

## The number of new special constables successfully trained by Police Scotland in 2023-24”

I confirm that for the financial year of 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024, Police Scotland successfully trained 27 Special Constables.

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.

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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.