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

1. **How many S.T.O.P. (Statement of Opinion) officers presently operate in Police Scotland?**

There are 12 STOP posts at Detective Constable level, supported by 3 Detective Sergeant posts.

1. **Are they allocated different areas and if so what areas?**

Officers are allocated a regional hub, divided geographically between the East, North and West areas of Scotland.

1. **Where is their central base situated?**

As noted above, they are regionally located.

1. **Which department do they fall under and who manages them?**

The STOP unit is overseen by Specialist Crime Division, and they are managed by a Detective Superintendent, Detective Chief Inspector and Detective Inspector who manage all 3 areas alongside a Detective Sergeant dedicated to each regional hub.

1. **What level of police rank oversees all their work?**

As stated previously they are overseen by a Detective Sergeant who manages and directs workloads based on demand. Any items that require escalation will be overseen by the Detective Inspector or above as required.

1. **How many STOP officers are female?**

There is currently one female STOP Officer.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

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