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

## - Total Number of Special Constables serving in each Divisional Area of Police Scotland as at 31st March in each of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

The table below provides the number of Special Police Constables in each divisional area for the years requested.

| **Division** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 77 | 92 | 84 | 79 | 79 |
| Tayside | 69 | 66 | 54 | 50 | 52 |
| Highlands & Islands | 72 | 74 | 59 | 60 | 53 |
| Forth Valley | 35 | 35 | 27 | 26 | 25 |
| Edinburgh City | 32 | 34 | 37 | 38 | 34 |
| Lothians and Scottish Borders | 35 | 37 | 35 | 33 | 26 |
| Fife | 37 | 34 | 30 | 29 | 26 |
| Greater Glasgow | 31 | 25 | 26 | 23 | 24 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 14 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 11 |
| Argyll & West Dunbartonshire | 19 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Lanarkshire | 21 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 11 |
| Ayrshire | 34 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 21 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 32 | 29 | 26 | 21 | 14 |
| Corporate Services Division | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Operational Support Division | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 11 |
| Specialist Crime Division | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| **Total** | **517** | **520** | **461** | **445** | **409** |

The data presented has been extracted from the Police Scotland’s System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database.

## - Number of Special Constable Leavers in Each Divisional Area within the years specified above

The table below provides the number of Special Police Constables leavers in each divisional area for the years requested.

| **Division** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 8 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Tayside | 14 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| Highlands & Islands | 7 | 16 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| Forth Valley | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Edinburgh City | 11 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| Lothians and Scottish Borders | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Fife | 13 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Greater Glasgow | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Argyll & West Dunbartonshire | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Lanarkshire | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Ayrshire | 8 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 5 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| Corporate Services Division | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Operational Support Division | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Specialist Crime Division | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Total** | **97** | **95** | **54** | **64** | **49** |

The data presented has been extracted from the Police Scotland’s System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database.

## - Number of newly recruited Special Constables in Each Divisional Area within the years specified above

The table below provides the number of Special Police Constables recruits in each divisional area for the years requested.

| **Division** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 11 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 7 |
| Tayside | 12 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Highlands & Islands | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Forth Valley | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Edinburgh City | 4 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 7 |
| Lothians and Scottish Borders | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Fife | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Greater Glasgow | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Argyll & West Dunbartonshire | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lanarkshire | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ayrshire | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Corporate Services Division | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operational Support Division | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Specialist Crime Division | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| **Total** | **50** | **48** | **51** | **28** | **40** |

The data presented has been extracted from the Police Scotland’s System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database.

## - Net number of Special Constables transferring to/from Each Divisional Area to another part of Police Scotland within the years specified above

Police Scotland does not hold records of Special Police Constable transfers between divisions. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

## - Number of Special Constables in receipt of Periodic Payment in Each Divisional Area within the years specified above

The table below provides the number of Special Police Constables in receipt of Periodic Payment in each divisional area within the years specified.

| **Division** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North East | 29 | 27 | 29 | 31 | 28 |
| Tayside | 20 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 20 |
| Highlands & Islands | 33 | 33 | 31 | 33 | 30 |
| Forth Valley | 15 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 15 |
| Edinburgh City | 5 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 17 |
| Lothians and Scottish Borders | 12 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 19 |
| Fife | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Greater Glasgow | 2 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 7 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Argyll & West Dunbartonshire | 6 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Lanarkshire | 8 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 11 |
| Ayrshire | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 14 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 12 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Operational Support Division | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Specialist Crime Division | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| **Total** | **184** | **195** | **195** | **200** | **193** |

## - Number of Special Constables designated as "Inactive" in Each Divisional Area within the years specified above

Police Scotland does not hold yearly records regarding inactive Special Police Constables. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

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.

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.