



Freedom of Information Response

Our reference: FOI 24-1263

Responded to: 30 May 2024

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

1. What is the number of fatalities *in toto* – in total of serving Scotland Police Constables, between the dates of 1st of January 2020 and 7th of May 2024.

Between 1st January 2020 and 30th April 2024 there were 25 Deaths in service relating to police officers at the rank of Constable.

2. How much money in total has Scotland Police unexpectedly needed to use by recruiting new Constables. The latter as a result of fatalities from serving Scotland Police Constables between 1st January 2020 and 7th May 2024

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland are not able to provide a definitive method of how we replace police officers in these circumstances however, no additional funding is afforded to support these types of unfortunate events. The recruitment of a new probationary officers is decided and allocated dependant on the need within Local Policing Divisions. It is down to Divisional management as to where these officers are deployed, which on occasion may be attributed to the replacement of Officers who retire or Officers who die in service.

Vacancies across the police officer establishment are also resourced within Police Scotland by lateral moves, promotion or internal recruitment processes.

3. How many widowed bereavement pensions have Scotland Police paid out in total between 1st January 2020 and 7th May 2024 from serving Constables

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By way of explanation, this information would be held by the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SSPA).

Their contact details are as follows:

Scottish Public Pensions Agency

7 Tweedside Park

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E-mail: SSPAFOI@gov.scot

4. What was the biggest month in fatalities in terms of numerical value from serving Scotland Police Constables between 1st January 2020 to 7th May 2024

In terms of numerical value, the highest number of deaths in service in any month between 1st January 2020 and 30th April 2024 for the rank of Constable was January & February 2020, October 2021, April 2022 and March & July 2023.

5. What was the average fatalities of serving Scotland Police Constable per month between 1st January 2020 and 7th May 2024

The average number of deaths in service per month between 1st January 2020 and 30th April 2024 was 0.48.

1a. How many contracts were suddenly terminated in Scotland Police as a result from loss of life between 1st January 2020 and 7th of May 2024

The number of deaths in service for **all** police officer ranks between 1st January 2020 and 30th April 2024 was 30.

2a. Will it be necessary to share the relevant answers with other law enforcement agencies locally, nationally and internationally

Information disclosed under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, is a public disclosure and is published on Police Scotland's webpage, accordingly it will be available for anyone to view.

3a. Will you take a leap of faith in sharing, anyone who has been vaccinated will need to use a heavy metal detoxification procedure, such as 'non' GMO Chlorella and Cilantro (Coriander) in water 3 times a day for 2 to 3 months

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I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold information in the format requested.

As you will be aware an individual's right in terms of the legislation is to obtain information held by a public authority at the time a request is received and there is no obligation on them to create new information specifically for such a request.

In this instance the information requested is not seeking recorded information, accordingly, in terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

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](#), 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](#) 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.