| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0754  Responded to: 06 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many police officers and police staff were assigned to your Rural Crime Team, in FTE, as of the following dates**

**31st December 2024**

**31st December 2019**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, there is no dedicated ‘Rural Crime Team’ in Police Scotland – There is currently a National Rural, Acquisitive and Business Preventions Team which focusses on tackling rural crime from a Preventions and Partnerships standpoint.

As of 31st December 2024 – this team comprises of 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 6 Police Constables. Of this 1 Sergeant and 3 Police Constables focus primarily on National Rural Crime Preventions.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.