| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3092  Responded to: 18 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to request the following information about Police Scotland’s S Division.**

1. **What is the remit of the S division?**

Specialist Services operate across the country, mainly from deployment bases co-located with other Operational Support functions or bespoke locations. In the main however they work alongside colleagues from Local Policing in the wider Police Scotland estate.

They support local policing by bringing specialist functions to them such as Mounted, Dogs and Public Order trained officers.

1. **When was S division formed?**

Formed at the inception of Police Scotland as part of Operational Support Division.

1. **How many officers are in S division?**

There are 467 officers within S Division.

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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