| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3091Responded 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 M Division.**

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

Policing Together Division supports the delivery of Police Scotland’s 2030 Vision of; safer communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce in line with our strategic outcomes. We will achieve this by:

• Identifying best practice and considering how it can be mainstreamed across the organisation

• Providing support and training, while strengthening relationships with national partners

• Being visible and accessible through collaboration and support to frontline service

The division consists of the following core portfolios:

• Culture & Communities

• Harm Prevention

• Reducing Vulnerability

• Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU)

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

There is not a division referred to as M Division within Police Scotland. M Division is the divisional identifier (the letter association with the division on an officer’s epaulettes) for Policing Together Division.

Policing Together Division was originally known as "Safer Communities" in 2013 with the inception of Police Scotland. The Division was renamed "Policing Together Division" in 2024 following integration of the Policing Together Strategy with the existing Partnership and Prevention work. Officers within Policing Together Division are allocated shoulder numbers which all start with "M".

**3. How many officers are in M division?**

There are currently 146 (Full Time Equivalent) officers within Policing Together 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 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 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.