| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3193  Responded to: 18 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **In each of the years since 1st April 2014 to present day, how many serving police officers have been suspended from duty who have were, at the time of their suspension, in a temporary or acting promoted rank?**
2. **Of those officers, for each year, how many were reverted to their substantive rank during the period of their suspension?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, this information is not centrally recorded. To accurately answer your request, a manual review of all records from the last 10 years would be required.

These files would have to be cross referenced with Police Scotland’s System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database to confirm what rank they were at the time and if this was temporary or an acting promoted rank. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Furthermore, Police Scotland’s Professional Standards Department (PSD) has overall responsibility for submitting a formal request to the Deputy Chief Constable (Designate) to impose formal restrictions.

However, they do not hold any information regarding rationale for any of those acting or temporary ranks that may have subsequently been withdrawn and are unable to confirm if such withdrawals were as a direct result of being placed on restricted duties. This information is held by division, therefore, additional cross referencing between information held by PSD and that of division would be required and again, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.