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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

### REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 6 June in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

1. What is the pay grades and salary for Principal Solicitors with Police Scotland Legal Services?
2. How many Principal Solicitor posts with Police Scotland are there?
3. How many vacancies for Principal Solicitors have been filled each year since April 2013?

### RESPONSE

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is able to provide the following;

In relation to your first request, it can be confirmed that the pay grade for the Police Scotland Principal Solicitor is a grade 10, and the current salary scale associated with that grade is £59,483 - £65,625. See Appendix A (attached) for detail on pay scales as at 1 April 2021.

In relation to your second and third request, the Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information. Therefore this represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

To explain, whilst the Authority is the legal employer of police staff who fall under the direction and control of the Chief Constable, the human resource function is performed by Police Scotland.

By way of assistance, information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Information on how to make an FOI request to Police Scotland is provided at – <http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

## RIGHT TO REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by post to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Scottish Police Authority Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.