



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 11 September, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

- "1) The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) press and/or communications and/or media officers employed over the last five financial years (broken down by year).
- 2) The total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) of employing these press and/or communications and/or media officers over the last five financial years (broken down by year)."

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request and is able to provide the following.

[Appendix 1](#) provides the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) communications officers and total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) over the last five financial years.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by

email to enquiries@foi.scot or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management



Appendix 1

Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) communications officers and total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs)

Organisation	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25 (April to current)	
	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost
Scottish Police Authority*	3	£170,402	3	£173,427	4	£221,972	4	£238,918	3	£35,353

* Made up of SPA Corporate and SPA Forensic Services

Notes:

The Authority's corporate function has 1 FTE External Relations and Governance Lead of which communications is one part of broader responsibilities. This role is not included in the number or cost for 2024-25 due to the post holder being on secondment since 1 April 2024.

The Authority's corporate function has 1 FTE External Relations Officer role which was vacated on 17 July 2024.

Forensic Services currently has 1 FTE Communication and Engagement Specialist and 1 FTE Communications and Engagement Officer.