



A Gallagher
Via whatdotheyknow.com website

1 November 2022

FOI: 824

Dear A Gallagher

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information submitted via the whatdotheyknow.com website on 22 October 2022. You have asked for the following information:

“The current number of people employed by the PIRC as Police Investigators, and as The PIRC helpfully advised that you have this to mean any role of Investigator you have, which are Senior Investigator, Deputy Senior Investigator, Technical Investigator and Investigator, therefore please provide the following:

Total Number of Investigators of all levels including HEAD INVESTIGATORS?

Total Number of HEAD INVESTIGATORS employed by the PIRC?

Total Number of these HEAD INVESTIGATORS that are ex police officers (Constables), retired officers of any rank that were employed by Police Scotland or any other Police Constabulary within The United Kingdom and Northern Ireland?”

The PIRC has considered that this is a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

An application for information held by public authorities under section 1 of FOISA requires that a public authority release all information held, subject to any applicable exemptions. Public authorities have 20 working days following the date of receipt of the request to respond to an applicant. We received your request on 24 October and are obliged to respond in accordance with FOISA by 21 November 2022.

The number of investigators employed by the PIRC is outlined in the table below. It is broken down by job title and the number of investigators who previously worked as a police officer.

Staff in Investigations Department	Total	Number who are ex police officer
Head of Department	1	1
Senior Investigator	4	4
Deputy Senior Investigator	12	9
Technical Investigator	2	0
Investigator	38	24
	57	38

You will recall from my response to your earlier FOISA request, reference FOI 819, that I advised that the number of staff employed by PIRC that had previously been employed as a police officer was 40. That was due to the inclusion of two other employees who had previously been employed as a police officer who work for PIRC out with the investigations team.

YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST A REVIEW

You have a right under the Act to request a review of this decision. If you wish to exercise this right, you must do so within forty working days following the date of receipt of this decision. Your request for a review must be in writing and you must specify your name and address for correspondence. You must also identify the decision that you wish to be reviewed. Should you wish to request a review, please address your request to:

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner
Hamilton House
Caird Park
Hamilton ML3 0QA
Email: informationrequests@pirc.gov.scot

Your review will be undertaken by an individual not involved in the original decision making process.

YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, you have a right under the Act to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. If you wish to do so, you must appeal to the Commissioner within six months following the date of receipt of the review notice. The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews
Fife, KY16 9DS
Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Tel: 01334 464610
Online Appeal website : www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Ross', written in a cursive style.

Steven Ross
Information Coordinator