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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is summarised below together with the response.

I am seeking the number of officers of all ranks, facing allegations of

- i) violence and**
- ii) corruption**

towards members of the public, from 01/04/18 to 01/04/19?

Exactly how many officers were prosecuted and how officers many were not?

The data provided below is based on information held within the Professional Standards Department database and relates to Complaints about the Police received between 1 April 2018 and 1 April 2019 inclusive, for police officers up to and including the rank of Chief Superintendent.

Please note, allegations relating to police officers above this rank are managed by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and any request for this information should be directed to them. The SPA website can be found via the following link;

<http://www.spa.police.uk/>

Further information regarding the management of complaints received by Police Scotland can be found within the Complaints about the Police Standard Operating Procedures, which is available via the following link;

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/151934/184779/complaints-about-the-police-sop>

Based on the foregoing, this request has been considered in two parts, as detailed below;

- i) Allegations of Violence

We have interpreted 'allegations of violence' as relating to those allegations which are defined under terms of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS), Crime Recording and Counting Rules, Annex 1 - Group 1 - Crimes of Violence. Further details relative to the SCRS can be found at the following link;

<https://www2.gov.scot/Resource/0054/00547065.pdf>

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On that basis, during the relevant period, there were no such allegations received. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland. It follows that no police officers were prosecuted in that regard.

ii) Allegations of Corruption

We have interpreted 'allegations of corruption' as relating to those allegations recorded under the category of 'Corrupt Practice'. Further details, specifically in relation to this category, can be found on Page 45 of the aforementioned Complaints about the Police Standard Operating Procedures.

On that basis, during the relevant period, I can confirm there were 16 police officers who were the subject of an allegation of Corrupt Practice (it should be noted that more than one officer can be subject to the same allegation). None of these officers were prosecuted.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Highland & Islands Divisional Headquarters on 01463 720508 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, 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@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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 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 Office of 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 Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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