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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 replicated below together with the response.

Figures have been provided as at 27 July 2020 and have been provided by the Special Constable Coordination Unit.

Your social media has highlighted the work of your Special Constables during COVID-19 Pandemic. Could you provide the following information in relation to your Special Constables

How many Special Constables does Police Scotland currently have?

Police Scotland currently have 466 special constables

How many Special Constables have joined the service in 2020?

38 have joined the service in 2020

How many Special Constables have resigned from their role as a Special Constable in 2020?

67 have resigned

What is the percentage of Police Scotland's Special Constables that have carried out hours between March-June?

78%

How many hours during the months of March - June did Police Scotland's Special Constables carry out? Could you provide a month by month breakdown by area if possible?

Hours Completed Per Month & Area	March	April	May	June
A Division	921.50	2117.75	1615	1490
D Division	1059.25	1317.40	1720.25	1384.50
N Division	662.25	916	781.25	680.50
C Division	561	843	735	590
E Division	501	1474.50	1581.50	1280
J Division	764.50	1185	1353	949
P Division	409.50	846.26	829.50	690.50

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G Division	707	805	767	872.50
K Division	57	151	186	304
L Division	312	385	560.50	515
Q Division	447	1100	1229.25	914.5
U Division	491	965.50	850	604
V Division	436	363	456	303
Operational Support Division	101	36.30	82	30
Specialist Crime Division	78	143	130	109
Total	7508	12648.71	12876.25	10716.50

How many 'inactive' Special Constables does Police Scotland currently have?

A Special Constable is considered "inactive" when they have not completed an SPC Deployment for a period of at least 6 months.
There are currently 65 inactive special constables.

- What is the financial budget for Police Scotland Special Constables for the financial year 2020-2021

£415,000.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on 01382 596657 quoting the reference number given.

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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.

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