



Freedom of Information Request 66-19

1. How many applicants have been given a conditional offer for a student officer and are currently awaiting an intake? (Please list by division)

2. Those applicants that have been given a conditional offer how long have they been waiting for an intake?

Please list by division and time, for example...

B Division

less than 6 months - 1 applicant

less than 12 months - 2 applicants

less than 18 months - 3 applicants

less than 24 months - 0 applicants

3. How many serving police officers are in BTP? (Please breakdown by division)

4. How many officers resigned in 2016, 2017, 2018? (Please list a figure for each year)

5. How many officers retired in 2016, 2017, 2018? (Please list a figure for each year)

RESPONSE

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

a) states that fact

b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and

c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to question 3 of your request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 - Information accessible by other means

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA because the information is already accessible to you. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and therefore does not require a public interest test. The information relating to numbers of British Transport Police officers is readily available within our Statistical Bulletin's on our website. The link to this page is shown below:

https://www.btp.police.uk/about_us/your_right_to_information/publications.aspx

Due to officer numbers fluctuating through the year, there is no one figure that can be provided for any one calendar year. British Transport Police Statistical Bulletins, however, produce average divisional/area strength figures, based on financial year.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

For the remainder of your request please see below the answers to questions 1, 2, 4 & 5. The information provided for questions 1 & 2 is correct up to 15th January 2019.

1. B Division – 94
C Division – 157
D Division – 17

2. Please see the information in the table below:

	B Division	C Division	D Division	Total
Greater than 24 months	1	0	0	1
24 months or less	6	8	0	14
18 months or less	1	30	0	31
12 months or less	5	91	17	113
6 months or less	81	28	0	109
Total	94	157	17	268

4. Please see the information below in relation to officer resignations:

Police Officer Resignations			
Year	2016	2017	2018
Total	119	170	184

5. Please see the information in the tables below:

Police Officer Retirements			
Year	2016	2017	2018
Total	135	113	80