

A Gallagher Via whatdotheyknow.com website

19 October 2022

FOI: 822

Dear A Gallagher

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information submitted via the whatdotheyknow.com website on 18 October 2022. You have asked for the following information:

"The current number of people employed by PIRC as Police Investigators?"

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 19 October and are obliged to respond in accordance with FOISA by 16 November 2022.

Under Section 17 of FOISA I can confirm we hold this information. The current number of people employed by PIRC as investigators is 56. This number does not include our Head of Investigations.

Please note that we do not have any positions with the specific job title of *Police Investigator* as used in your information request. We have taken this to mean any role of Investigator we have, which are Senior Investigator, Deputy Senior Investigator, Technical Investigator and Investigator.

## 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: <u>informationrequests@pirc.gov.scot</u>

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: <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u> Tel: 01334 464610 Online Appeal website : <u>www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal</u>.

Yours sincerely

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