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1) How many Response Police Officers Full Time Equivalent (FTE) have you forecast that you will need to police your area each year for each of the last 7 calendar years?

The West Midlands Police underwent structural changes following Programme Paragon in 2009. Prior to this every Operational Command Unit (OCU) Commander had the ability to allocate their own resources where they were required.

Following Programme Paragon, the 21 OCU's were reduced to 10 Local Policing Units (LPU) and each was given an operating model to ensure the public would experience the same level of service across the West Midlands. The Response Team establishment can therefore be identified more effectively from April 2010. The establishment is created at the start of every financial year. The table below shows the Response model for each financial year from April 2010 to the projected April 2014.

Year	Response Team
Apr-10	2,970
Apr-11	2,075
Apr-12	1,884
Apr-13	1,175
Apr-14	1,115

2) How many Response Police Officers Full Time Equivalent (FTE) are employed in your constabulary in each of the last 7 calendar years?

The table below details the actual number of response Officers (all ranks) for each financial year. The Response Team establishment is supported locally by an operating model that includes further police officers and police staff dedicated to; investigation functions, prisoner handling capacity and neighbourhood officers aligned to ward and electoral locations. At force level those officers are supported by specialist functions such as Force CID, Public Protection Unit, firearms, Road Policing Units and the Counter Terrorism Unit.

Year	Response Team
Apr-10	2,426.5
Apr-11	2,429.0
Apr-12	1,861.3
Apr-13	1,387.9