

REQUEST

Please can I have the number of a) police officers b) PCSOs and c) special constables for each of the last seven calendar years broken down by neighbourhood policing unit please?

*It is important to note that there have been a number of restructures during the period of the data, whereby significant functions have moved from NPU responsibility to central departments. Also in November 2016 The neighbourhood Policing Unit reduced from 10 to 8. Birmingham South was incorporated in Birmingham West and Central and Birmingham North was incorporated into Birmingham East.

As part of our change programme for the future we have significantly restructured the force. We have invested in neighbourhood policing and now have more dedicated neighbourhood officers and PCSOs. In order to allow those officers to focus solely on neighbourhood issues, a number of officers have been moved to bigger, force-wide functions like response and investigative roles. It means we can protect neighbourhood policing but flex to address any threat and demand at a force level.

We also have many police staff roles which fulfil a variety of valuable operational roles including forensic experts, homicide, domestic and child abuse investigators, fraud and cyber- crime specialists. We also have front-line police staff working as emergency call handlers. They also provide essential support functions, including training, HR and finance which means our police officers can spend more time on the streets.

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	Police Officers								
	01/06/2010	01/04/2011	01/04/2012	01/04/2013	01/04/2014	01/04/2015	01/04/2016	01/04/2017	01/02/2018
Birmingham East	709	700	638	551	506	433	429	318	295
Birmingham North	416	400	363	319	304	268	248	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham South	639	613	526	431	409	354	336	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham West	660	641	643	718	668	608	589	293	274
Coventry	645	611	565	522	516	445	448	252	157
Dudley	469	458	439	371	340	306	304	150	88
Sandwell	587	575	546	474	439	412	392	211	140
Solihull	343	331	306	284	276	255	249	121	73
Walsall	529	495	498	417	396	365	360	180	111
Wolverhampton	537	514	482	451	456	416	424	211	141
Total	5534	5338	5006	4538	4310	3862	3779	1736	1279

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	PCSOs								
	01/06/2010	01/04/2011	01/04/2012	01/04/2013	01/04/2014	01/04/2015	01/04/2016	01/04/2017	01/02/2018
Birmingham East	91	84	86	80	59	51	43	58	65
Birmingham North	53	52	51	46	47	43	36	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham South	80	78	73	70	60	56	46	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham West	100	98	92	89	94	90	71	85	90
Coventry	107	101	94	94	98	84	72	55	58
Dudley	105	97	95	92	84	59	45	39	46
Sandwell	77	71	70	63	67	65	53	46	57
Solihull	30	29	30	30	33	32	28	30	35
Walsall	57	52	50	48	51	50	42	37	41
Wolverhampton	69	68	64	64	79	85	73	52	56
Total	769	730	705	676	672	615	509	402	448

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	Special Constable								
	01/06/2010	01/04/2011	01/04/2012	01/04/2013	01/04/2014	01/04/2015	01/04/2016	01/04/2017	01/02/2018
Birmingham East	63	76	65	61	43	35	24	11	10
Birmingham North	40	41	33	25	15	13	9	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham South	33	54	46	43	32	25	19	*n/a	*n/a
Birmingham West	90	81	63	57	59	45	39	19	16
Coventry	67	67	59	56	45	41	39	12	8
Dudley	72	74	67	53	43	26	13	5	5
Sandwell	58	68	56	47	40	36	29	12	13
Solihull	62	58	48	41	38	32	25	14	13
Walsall	39	52	46	39	38	34	28	2	1
Wolverhampton	57	65	62	59	35	30	20	6	7
Total	581	636	545	481	388	317	245	81	73

