

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions regarding your force's investigator numbers:

1. How many full-time equivalent investigators, of all ranks, did your force have as of January 1st 2021? - **1353.10 FTE**
2. What was the equivalent figure for January 1st 2020? - **1344.29 FTE**
3. What is your force's current shortage of investigator - eg how many positions are vacant/unfilled? **137.65 FTE**
4. During 2020, how many retired investigators were rehired by your force? - **7 individuals were rehired (equating to 6.05 FTE)**
5. How much money did your force spend on hiring civilian investigators via recruitment agencies in 2020? – **Temporary Staff up to January 2021 - £338,237.24**

Note: In case of confusion as to which officers are classed as investigators, please use the same classifications as in the Home Office police workforce data (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2020>) ie Investigations Command Team, Major Investigation Unit, Economic Crime, Specialist Investigation Units, Serious & Organised Crime Unit, Local Investigation and Cyber Crime. You do not need to include the investigative support category ie forensics.