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Q1. Number of people in your police force. (At 1 Jan 2024: AM)

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NB. There was no police office recruitment in 2013 and no PCSO recruitment in 2013 or 2015.

Q2. Number of people who have joined your force each year for the past 10 years.

Q3. Number of people who have retired from your force each year for the past 10 years.

4. Number of people who have resigned (for reasons that are not retirement) from your force each year for the past 10 years.

## All joiners 2013 to 2023

| Person Type    | Year | Headcount |
|----------------|------|-----------|
| PCSO           | 2014 | 62        |
|                | 2016 | 3         |
|                | 2017 | 70        |
|                | 2018 | 70        |
|                | 2019 | 105       |
|                | 2020 | 78        |
|                | 2021 | 54        |
|                | 2022 | 64        |
|                | 2023 | 24        |
| Police Officer | 2014 | 87        |
|                | 2015 | 187       |
|                | 2016 | 178       |
|                | 2017 | 285       |
|                | 2018 | 363       |
|                | 2019 | 305       |
|                | 2020 | 905       |
|                | 2021 | 828       |
|                | 2022 | 756       |
|                | 2023 | 675       |
| Police Staff   | 2013 | 124       |
|                | 2014 | 255       |
|                | 2015 | 159       |
|                | 2016 | 247       |

| Employee Type  | Year | Headcount |
|----------------|------|-----------|
| PCSO           | 2014 | 1         |
|                | 2016 | 7         |
|                | 2017 | 6         |
|                | 2018 | 3         |
|                | 2019 | 5         |
|                | 2020 | 7         |
|                | 2021 | 5         |
|                | 2022 | 4         |
|                | 2023 | 8         |
| Police Officer | 2013 | 65        |
|                | 2014 | 161       |
|                | 2015 | 232       |
|                | 2016 | 253       |
|                | 2017 | 256       |
|                | 2018 | 265       |
|                | 2019 | 223       |
|                | 2020 | 204       |
|                | 2021 | 198       |
|                | 2022 | 273       |
|                | 2023 | 198       |
| Police Staff   | 2013 | 16        |
|                | 2014 | 19        |
|                | 2015 | 29        |

| <b>Employee Type</b> | Year | Headcount |
|----------------------|------|-----------|
| PCSO                 | 2013 | 15        |
|                      | 2014 | 35        |
|                      | 2015 | 86        |
|                      | 2016 | 70        |
|                      | 2017 | 66        |
|                      | 2018 | 31        |
|                      | 2019 | 82        |
|                      | 2020 | 37        |
|                      | 2021 | 69        |
|                      | 2022 | 89        |
|                      | 2023 | 119       |
| Police Officer       | 2013 | 51        |
|                      | 2014 | 51        |
|                      | 2015 | 61        |
|                      | 2016 | 78        |
|                      | 2017 | 57        |
|                      | 2018 | 74        |
|                      | 2019 | 93        |
|                      | 2020 | 72        |
|                      | 2021 | 106       |
|                      | 2022 | 178       |
|                      | 2023 | 195       |
| Police Staff         | 2013 | 72        |

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| 2017 | 593  |
|------|--|
| 2018 | 392  |
| 2019 | 456  |
| 2020 | 673  |
| 2021 | 525  |
| 2022 | 462  |
| 2023 | 551  |
| 2013 | 6  |
| 2014 | 59   |
| 2015 | 10   |
| 2016 | 2  |
| 2017 | 4  |
| 2018 | 21   |
| 2019 | 66   |
| 2020 | 89   |
| 2021 | 119  |
| 2022 | 75   |
| 2023 | 45   |
|      | 2018<br>2019<br>2020<br>2021<br>2022<br>2023<br>2013<br>2014<br>2015<br>2016<br>2017<br>2018<br>2019<br>2020<br>2021<br>2022 |

|          | 2016 | 35 |
|----------|------|----|
|          | 2017 | 26 |
|          | 2018 | 48 |
|          | 2019 | 54 |
|          | 2020 | 41 |
|          | 2021 | 79 |
|          | 2022 | 82 |
|          | 2023 | 76 |
| Specials | 2014 | 2  |
|          | 2015 | 1  |
|          | 2021 | 1  |
|          | 2022 | 1  |

|          | 2014 | 104 |
|----------|------|-----|
|          | 2015 | 162 |
|          | 2016 | 171 |
|          | 2017 | 171 |
|          | 2018 | 218 |
|          | 2019 | 265 |
|          | 2020 | 213 |
|          | 2021 | 310 |
|          | 2022 | 399 |
|          | 2023 | 419 |
| Specials | 2013 | 94  |
|          | 2014 | 66  |
|          | 2015 | 92  |
|          | 2016 | 84  |
|          | 2017 | 43  |
|          | 2018 | 31  |
|          | 2019 | 17  |
|          | 2020 | 43  |
|          | 2021 | 52  |
|          | 2022 | 93  |
|          | 2023 | 111 |

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Q5. Number of police officers who have gone on mental health related leave (e.g. stress), or who have been taken off frontline duty for mental health reasons, from your force each year over the past 10 years.

Figures are for absences from Jan-Dec of each year.

| Year | Total |
|------|-------|
| 2013 | 385   |
| 2014 | 414   |
| 2015 | 533   |
| 2016 | 529   |
| 2017 | 610   |
| 2018 | 566   |
| 2019 | 499   |
| 2020 | 565   |
| 2021 | 712   |
| 2022 | 970   |
| 2023 | 1080  |

Pyschological disorders absences

Sub-categories:

Anxiety

Depression

Other psychological disorders

Other stress

Post traumatic stress

We have provided sickness data but are unable to advise regarding being taken off frontline duties for mental health reasons as the restriction data only does not state the reason the for restriction (e.g. Full duties but not able to work full shifts, etc.)

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