

# New delivery model enhances local policing resource



Police Scotland today published local information about the number of police officers in the 14 divisions across the country.

These figures, which will be published quarterly, will appear on the Police Scotland website.

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<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/212598/>

The Scottish Government today has published statistics on the number of police officers serving in Police Scotland.

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Police-Officer-QUARTERLY-Strength-statistics-Scotland-31-December-2013-9f9.aspx>

Both sets of data refer to the actual number of police officers on 31 December 2013.

Deputy Chief Constable Rose Fitzpatrick said: “Local policing is at the heart of Police Scotland. The creation of single service has allowed us better flexibility in allocating police officers to the right place at the right time to help keep people safe.

“Police Scotland can now provide improved access to specialist services in support of local policing right across the country, with every division now benefiting from being able to draw in this resource when needed.

“Every division now has access to every kind of specialist support without geographical boundaries. This allows Police Scotland to protect and enhance local policing for our

communities.

“Police Scotland continues to maintain police officer numbers at a minimum of 17,234 to meet the Scottish Government’s commitment and we have a rolling recruitment programme.”