

**Please ask for :** Alethea Fuller  
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**Our Reference:** 2025-00419  
[wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk)



Date: 16/04/2025

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **1 April** 2025 in which you asked:

*'The number of police officers in West Midlands Police Service for each year since 2010.'*

*The number of Police officers in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton, each year since 2010.'*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the number of police officers in West Midlands Police Service for each year since 2010 is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act as it is information reasonably accessible by other means. As a gesture of goodwill, I can advise that you can visit the following link to access this information: [Police workforce England and Wales statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-statistics)

I must also advise you that the OPCC does not hold the number of police officers broken down at each council level. This is because West Midlands Police operates under 'Local Policing Areas' rather than council areas. However, the OPCC does not hold this information, and you would need to contact West Midlands Police to request this information.

You may also wish to visit the Accountability and Governance page on our website for previously published annual reports on West Midlands Police numbers and recruitment. The most recent paper on this subject is from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025, titled 'AGB 28.01.25 – Agenda Item 8 – Supporting the Workforce', and can be accessed here: [Accountability and Governance Board - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/accountability-and-governance)

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

**Freedom on Information Unit**

West Midlands Police  
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House  
Colmore Circus Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ  
E-mail: [foi@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:foi@westmidlands.police.uk)

**Freedom of Information Right of Appeal**

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lloyd House  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060  
Email: [wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller  
Deputy Chief Executive