

240930 (141) FOI Media and Comms Staff

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Subject: FOI: Press, Media and Communications Staff and Cost
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 11 September 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (11 September 2024)

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am requesting the following information:

1. The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) press and/or communications and/or media officers employed over the last five financial years (broken down by year).
2. The total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) of employing these press and/or communications and/or media officers over the last five financial years (broken down by year).

If possible, can I please have the information provided in a table.

FOI RESPONSE

Organisation	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	No. (FTE) As of 31/3/21	Cost £	No. (FTE) As of 31/3/22	Cost £	No. (FTE) As of 31/3/23	Cost £	No. (FTE) As of 31/3/24	Cost £	No. (FTE) As of 1/09/24	Cost £ 1/4/24- 31/8/24
South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE)	3.71 Permanent Staff	138,980	3.71 Permanent Staff 1. Intern 14/06/21 - 17/6/22	189,167	5.71 Permanent Staff 1.0 Intern 11/7/22 - 1/11/23	314,687	5.91 Permanent Staff 1. Intern 26/7/23 - 8/9/23	378,650	5.91	150,624

SOSE do not have specific press, communication or media officers rather we operate a marketing and communications integrated function with teams holding a range of responsibilities.

SOSE employed Interns throughout the financial years which would have contributed to staff costs.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

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