



# Our estate – the buildings we use



## Easy Read



## Overview



Our **estate** means the buildings we use – our police stations.

Police Scotland's estate needs to:

- be right for police services now
- give local communities the service they need

We have already introduced **technology** that supports our officers to stay in local areas.

This means they do not have to return to police stations as often, to do paperwork.

**Technology** is machines, equipment and information that use scientific knowledge.

## Why we need to look at our estate



Many police buildings:

- are old, need to be repaired and do not work well for police services now
- are in places that do not meet what local communities need
- cost a lot to run and are not good for the environment
- are not used very often



Over the last few years policing bases have been made in community buildings where our partner organisations work.

We call this **co-location**.



Our [estate strategy](#) plans to have more of this where possible.

A **strategy** is a big plan.

## Our buildings in the future

We now have more than 60 co-locations with partners.

This gives us workspaces that are:

- good for the environment and will work well in the future
- safer and more modern
- the best way to use the money we have
- work well for local people as different services are in the same place and work together



## Our budget means we have to make choices



We are making difficult decisions to make sure we have policing services that work well using the money we have available.



We will protect policing services that:

- are needed the most to keep people safe
- mean we can have as many police officers as possible in local areas

## The number of buildings



We plan to get rid of 59 police stations in the next 3 years.

- 29 are stations we announced recently that we are planning to get rid of
- 16 are buildings that have been empty for a long time or are empty because they have moved to a new site
- 14 will be from future Estates projects which will have to be approved by the Scottish Police Authority

We may want to get rid of more buildings in the future if we need to.



We understand that local communities will be worried about changes to police buildings.

We will keep asking the public about our plans.



Our [Joint Strategy for Policing 2023](#) and the [Policing our Communities programme](#) set out what we plan to do.

## Tell us what you think



We have 2 **surveys** - ways to tell us what you think:

- [our National Conversation](#)

Tell us what you think about:

- our plans for our estate
- how our changes have affected your local area



- a [local consultation](#) on each building where we plan to make a change

## How to report crime

Do **not** use these consultations to report crime, give us information about an incident, or ask us for help.



If you or someone else needs police assistance:

- call 999 if it is an emergency
- call 101 if it is not an emergency



You can report a crime using our [online reporting form](#).

