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REQUEST

- 1. How much does your mounted section cost roughly per annum to run?**
- 2. How many horses and officers make up your team?**
- 3. When was your unit established?**

RESPONSE

I approached our Finance Department, Mounted Section and Workforce Planning Departments for assistance with your request. Our contacts within the departments have provided the responses to your request as follows:

Q1 - The 2017/18 budgeted costs for mounted including all staff costs, horse costs, running costs related to premises are approximately £531,000.

Q2 – Mounted section established posts are currently 7 constables and one sergeant plus three grooms. Plus we have a special (volunteer who is a retired Mounted Officer) plus two reserve riders based at Districts (ex. Mounted Officers) who are called on if required. Currently we have 10 operational horses.

Q3 – Mounted was first established in the early 1900's when SYP was separate Constabularies consisting of Sheffield and Rotherham Constabulary along with West Yorkshire Constabulary (which [Barnsley Borough Police](#) and [Doncaster Borough Police](#) had been merged into on 1 October 1968).

The Mounted section of SYP was founded in the same year as the force was founded 1974.