Police staff confidence hits new low

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Police officer confidence throughout Scotland has hit a new low, an internal survey conducted by Police Scotland has revealed.

The shocking statistics show that just one in 10 police officers believe that Police Scotland has a "positive future."

It was reported this morning that the questionnaire asked all staff their thoughts on the statement: "I feel positive about the future within Police Scotland."

Results revealed that only 10 per cent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement — while 71 per cent suggested they either disagreed or strongly disagreed.

The severe confidence crisis looks set to continue over the next few years with the force facing huge budget pressures on the SNP's watch.

Scottish Conservative shadow justice secretary Douglas Ross said:

"This survey puts a spotlight on just how little confidence there is within the police for the single force.

"Officers and staff need to have full confidence in Police Scotland if they are to work to the best of their abilities and keep Scotland's communities safe.

"It's extremely worrying that almost four years on from the SNP centralising our police forces, morale within the organisiation remains at rock bottom."

For a copy of The Sun's exclusive article regarding the survey click here: <u>https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/756737/shock-stats-reveal-police-morale</u> <u>-has-hit-new-low-as-just-one-in-10-cops-back-the-forces-future/</u>