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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-05043

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI OFFICERS - INJURY ON DUTY AWARDS AS A RESULT OF STRESS

Request:

How many Police Officers in the Police Service of Northern Ireland have been awarded an Injury on Duty as a result of being off work through stress (either work related or management induced) in the period 1st January 2003 - present time?

You subsequently refined your request as follows;

Could you please advise how many Police Officers employed by PSNI have received an injury on duty for being off work with stress either "work related" or "management induced" during the last six months please?

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

I can confirm that in the six month period preceding your request, in the Police Service of Northern Ireland there have been 8 cases of "work related" Injury On Duty approved, 4 relating to confirmed PTSD, 1 relating to a combination of physical injuries and psychological reaction to being involved in a terrorist incident and 3 relating to a stress reaction to involvement in an operational/terrorist incident.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the

option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.