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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01818

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: DISCIPLINARY CASES AGAINST POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of disciplinary cases brought against Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in each of the past five years ending financial year 2008/09.

Question 2

A breakdown of the most common causes of the disciplinary cases against PCSOs for each of the past five years ending financial year 2008/09.

Question 3

The number of PCSOs found guilty of gross misconduct for each of the past five years.

Question 4

The number of PCSOs who have been reprimanded in each of the past five years.

Question 5

The number of PCSOs who have been dismissed in each of the past five years.

Answer

No disciplinary cases have been brought against Police Community Support Officers as the Police Service of Northern Ireland do not currently employ officers to carry out this role. Please see the attached link for more information.

http://www.psnl.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/what_we_spend_and_how_we_spend_it.htm

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