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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02321

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: SICK LEAVE

Request and Answer:

Question

How many PSNI officers are currently on sick leave - how many of those are male, how many female?
How many PSNI officers were on sick leave before 1st July this year - how many male, how many female?
How many PSNI officers were on sick leave on this date last year - how many male, how many female?
How many PSNI officers were on sick leave on 1st July last year - how many male, how many female?

Answer

Please find attached records below.

Please Note:- With regard to July 2009 figures, the sickness absence data is generally set about 6-8 weeks after any given time period which ensures that all local administration has occurred and the data is as accurate as possible. We will forward these figures to you when available.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psni.police.uk/>

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

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The following table identifies the number of officers absent during each month (May – September 2008 and May – June 2009). At this moment in time July's sickness absence figures have not yet been prepared and as a result are unavailable.

2008

| | May | June | July | Aug | Sept |
|--------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| All Officers | 593 | 554 | 562 | 572 | 589 |
| Male | 400 | 373 | 372 | 381 | 403 |
| Female | 193 | 181 | 190 | 191 | 186 |

2009

| | May | June | July | Aug | Sept |
|--------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| All Officers | 579 | 528 | - | - | - |
| Male | 394 | 348 | - | - | - |
| Female | 185 | 180 | - | - | - |