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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02437

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: POLICE CONSTABLES EMPLOYED BY THE SERVICE

Request and Answer:

During the period 01 January 2008 to 01 January 2009:

Question 1

How many Police Constables were employed by your force?

Answer

There were 453 Constables/Student Officers who joined during that period.

Question 2

How many officers were promoted to higher ranks during the above period?

Answer

301 officers were promoted to higher ranks during this period. This includes promotions to all ranks.

Question 3

How many current vacancies are there within the force, and what are these vacancies?

Answer

There are currently 249 vacancies within the service. 1 for Assistant Chief Constable and 248 for Constable rank.

Question 4

How many officers classify themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT)?

Answer

The PSNI commenced the monitoring of the sexual orientation of it's applicants in March 2006. To date there is insufficient data on the Personnel System to report on. The PSNI is currently in the process of putting in place a mechanism, whereby absent equality monitoring data is collated and personnel records are updated.

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