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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02349

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: DESKBOUND OFFICERS - EAST BELFAST

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please advise me how many of the police officers currently permanently employed in the role of uniformed 'response policing' within East Belfast District Command Unit were immediately previously deskbound working a 9-5 routine? I am interested in discovering how many officers in this district have been utilised in the 'response policing' role as a result of the well-publicised campaign to return officers to the front line from behind a desk. As I am only requesting details on current officers, I am hopeful the information I require could be gleaned via an email to each of the section sergeants and then verified as correct.

Answer

I can confirm that currently there are no officers in Response, Strandtown who were previously in a deskbound role working a 9-5 routine. Please note that this information is a snapshot in that it focuses on officers who currently work in Response.

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