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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00941

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Police Officers - Misconduct in Public Office

### Request and Answer:

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

#### Question 1

The number of police officers who were suspended from their posts following allegations of misconduct in a public office between the calendar year of 2008 and 2009.

#### Answer

Between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2009 three police officers were suspended for allegations of misconduct in a public office.

#### Question 2

Of the police officers suspended from their posts following allegations of misconduct in a public office between the calendar year of 2008 and 2009, how many were charged?

#### Answer

To date no police officers have been charged with misconduct in a public office.

#### Question 3

Of the police officers suspended from their posts following allegations of misconduct in a public office between the calendar year of 2008 and 2009, how many were found guilty of the charges?

#### Answer

To date, no police officers have been found guilty of the charge of misconduct in a public office.

#### Question 4

Of the police officers found guilty of misconduct in a public office between the calendar year of 2008 and 2009, how many were charged with:

- a) Drug Offences
- b) Indecent Assault or Sex Offences
- c) Assault

- d) Theft
- e) Fraud

**Answer**

Not applicable. Please see response to Question 3.

**Question 5**

Of the police officers charged and found guilty of misconduct in a public office between the calendar year of 2008 and 2009, how many still hold a position within the police force?

**Answer**

Not applicable. Please see response to Question 4.

The figures supplied have been compiled by the PSNI's Professional Standards Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers.

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 letter.

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