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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00030

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Suspended on Full Pay

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland 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

As of 1.1.10 how many of your force's officers were suspended on full pay? Please provide me with a breakdown showing the number of officers suspended in each rank of your force as of 1.1.10.

Answer

As of 1.1.10 there were a total of 26 officers suspended on full pay.

The breakdown of the officers in each rank is as follows:

| Rank Suspended | Number Suspended |
|----------------|------------------|
| Superintendent | 1 |
| Sergeant | 5 |
| Constable | 20 |

Question 2

Please also provide me with a list showing the date ((month/year) that each officer suspended as of 1.1.10 was first suspended from duty on full pay.

Answer

| Rank | Date of Suspension |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Superintending Ranks | November 2009 |
| Sergeant (5 officers) | October 2004 |
| | May 2008 |
| | November 2008 |
| | December 2008 |
| | May 2009 |
| Constable (20 officers) | September 2007 |
| | October 2007 |
| | January 2008 |
| | May 2008 |
| | June 2008 |
| | September 2008 |
| | November 2008 |
| | December 2008 x 2 officers |
| | March 2009 |
| | April 2009 x 2 officers |
| | May 2009 |
| | August 2009 |
| | October 2009 |
| | November 2009 |
| | December 2009 x 2 officers |
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The figures supplied have been compiled by the PSNI's Professional Standards Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers.

United Kingdom Police Services do not use generic systems to capture information. For this reason PSNI's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other Police Service.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to Freedom of Information Team 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.

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