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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 02003

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Police staff DNA

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

How many police staff have given their DNA to the police?

Answer 1

A central register of police officers who have voluntarily logged their DNA profile is not maintained. However, PSNI do require elimination DNA samples from police officers, who have attended scenes where DNA evidence is an issue, for elimination purposes. That requirement is on a case by case basis.

Question 2

How many have refused?

Answer 2

PSNI do not hold information on how many police staff have refused to give samples of their DNA.

Question 3

How many have requested that their details are removed?

Answer 3

There is no record of requests for removals.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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.