



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03449

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Disciplined at Strabane Station

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.

You previously clarified that your request relates to officers attached to Strabane DCU at the time of discipline or suspension and who are attached to Strabane DCU now, but not necessarily at the time of the discipline. You also clarified that you are referring to those who were formally disciplined.

Question 1

How many officers have been disciplined at Strabane PSNI Station over the past two years?

Answer

In the past two years (1st October 2009 to date of your request) two officers were attached to Strabane Area Command Unit when disciplined.

Question 2

How many have been suspended?

Answer

Since 1st October 2009 to date of your request, no officer attached to Strabane Area Command Unit has been suspended.

Question 3

Has any officer been dismissed?

Answer

Since 1st October 2009 to date of your request, no officer attached to Strabane Area Command Unit has been dismissed.

Question 4

Can I get the reasons for any disciplinary action and what the outcome for each was please.

Answer

As outlined in response to question one, two officers were disciplined in the time-frame requested. One officer received sanctions of a fine and reduction in pay for inappropriate off-duty behaviour. The second officer received sanctions of fines for unauthorised access of police systems.

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.

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.