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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00024

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Suspended Officers

Request and Answer:

Question 1

As of 01.01.11 how many of your force's officers were suspended on full pay?

Answer

As of 01.01.11 twenty-two officers were suspended on full pay.

Question 2

Please provide me with a breakdown showing the number of officers suspended in each rank of your force as of 01.01.11

Answer

The number of officers suspended in each rank as of 01.01.11 are as follows;

Four Sergeants
Seventeen Constables
One Reserve Constable

Question 3

Please also provide me with a list showing the date (month/year) that each officer suspended as of 01.01.11 was first suspended from duty on full pay.

Answer

The date (month/year) that each officer currently suspended was first suspended from duty on full pay is as follows;

Number of officers	Date suspension initiated
1 officer	October 2004
1 officer	January 2008
1 officer	July 2008
2 officers	December 2008

1 officer	March 2009
1 officer	April 2009
1 officer	May 2009
1 officer	August 2009
1 officer	January 2010
1 officer	April 2010
1 officer	July 2010
2 officers	August 2010
3 officers	September 2010
1 officer	October 2010
4 officers	December 2010

The information supplied has been compiled by the PSNI's Professional Standards Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers. Whilst the PSNI takes seriously any wrongdoing by a police officer, the number of suspensions must be put into context of the overall size of the PSNI i.e. around 7500 officers at date of request.

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