



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02213

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Discipline in G District

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

How many Officers in G District have received SWW since 2010, at what rank and for what reasons?

Answer

In G District since 2010, the total number of officers who have received Superintendents Written Warnings (SWW) is 25, and the ranks of the officers are Constable and Sergeant.

The table below provides the reasons for the SWW:

Reasons for SWW
1x Failure to Supervise
1x Discredit on Service
1x Integrity
1x Failed in Professional Duty
3x Failure in Duty
3x Re Handling of Property
15x Failure to Investigate

Question 2

How many Officers in G District, since 2010 have been the subject of formal discipline, (ie panel attendance), at what rank and for what reasons?

Answer

Eight officers (Inspector, Sergeant and Constable rank) who were attached to 'G' District at the time of misconduct hearing were the subject of formal discipline since 2010. It should be noted that these officers may no longer be serving in this District now.

The PSNI is governed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations

2008. The standards set out in these regulations are replicated into the PSNI Code of Ethical Standards and can be viewed at www.psni.police.uk/code_of_ethics_2008. Officers are charged at a Formal Misconduct Hearing according to the Article(s) of the PSNI Code of Ethics that were potentially breached.

Whilst the PSNI takes extremely seriously any allegation of wrongdoing, the number of cases should be put into context of the number of officers attached to G District, i.e., around 500 officers.

The table below provides the charges each officer faced ;

Charges by Breach of the Code of Ethics
2 x Integrity, 1 x Professional Duty
3 x Professional Duty
1 x Professional Duty
1 x Police Investigations, 1 x Duty of Supervisors
1 x Integrity
2 x Police Investigations, 1 x Professional Duty
3 x Professional Duty
1 x Detained Persons

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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