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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-00308

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Discipline Hearings

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

#### Question 1

How many Discipline Hearings have been overturned by Chief Constable's Reviews in the past three years?

#### Answer

The sanctions imposed at five disciplinary hearings were overturned by Chief Constable's Reviews in the past three years.

#### Question 2

How many Disciplinary Hearings have been overturned, specifying who the ACC/Presiding Officer was in each case over the last three years?

#### Answer

ACC Harris was the Presiding Officer in two of these cases, ACC Kerr was the Presiding Officer in two of these cases, and ACC Finlay was the Presiding Officer in one of these cases.

The information supplied has been compiled by the PSNI's Professional Standards Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers.

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.

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