



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03951

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Disciplined H District

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many officers in H District were disciplined from January 2013 to present.

Clarification Sought

In question 3 you seek information on the number of officers who have been relocated due to disciplinary issues or concern for their safety. Can this be understood to mean officers who have been repositioned or suspended from duties in H District for misconduct issues?

Clarification Received

In relation to Question 3 of my initial request, yes, that means officers repositioned due to disciplinary issues.

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.

Since 1st January 2013, three officers attached to H District were disciplined at a formal misconduct hearing. Forty-nine officers were subject of local management action, which includes advice and guidance, management discussion and Superintendent's Written Warning.

Question 2

What the officers were disciplined for.

Answer

The officers were disciplined for failure to adhere to PSNI policy & service procedures, failures in investigations, driving offences, alleged assault, alleged harassment, inappropriate access of police systems, inappropriate language, and incivility.

Question 3

How many officers have been relocated due to disciplinary issues or concern for their safety.

Answer

Since 1st January 2013 to present, three officers attached to H District have been suspended or repositioned due to disciplinary issues.

The information supplied has been compiled by Discipline Branch, Service Improvement Department, which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers.

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