



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03787

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Officer and Staff Establishment

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Would you please provide the following information as at 1st August 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act. The information provided will be used by the Charity to structure its business plan and fundraising strategy in support of injured and ill police officers and potentially others over the next 5 years.

The number of police officers employed by your force in each of the following categories:

- 0 - 5 years' service
- 6 - 10 years' service
- 11 - 15 years' service
- 16 - 20 years' service
- 21 - 25 years' service
- 26 - 30 years' service
- 30+ years' service

Clarification Sought

I notice these questions may have been sent to various forces, please confirm if you wish to ask questions 2 & 3 of PSNI.

Clarification Received

My apologies I forgot that the PSNI do not form part of the St George's Police Children Trust. Therefore please can you ignore question 3 but answer question 2 about the Police treatment centres. If you need any further clarification please don't hesitate to contact me.

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.

Please find below the number of police officers in PSNI with number of years service broken down as requested.

0 - 5 years service - 1203
6 - 10 years service - 1963
11 - 15 years service - 1008
16 - 20 years service - 851
21 - 25 years service - 853
26 - 30 years service - 740
30+ years service - 112

Question 2

The number of officers that donate to the Police Treatment centres within each of the above categories.

Answer

Within the above categories please find below the number of police officers who contribute to the Voluntary Benevolent fund.

0 - 5 years service - 910
6 - 10 years service - 1090
11 - 15 years service - 811
16 - 20 years service - 790
21 - 25 years service - 813
26 - 30 years service - 738
30+ years service - 112

Question 3

The number of officers that donate to the St George's Police Children Trust within each of the above categories.

Answer

Question withdrawn.

Question 4

The number of Special Constables that operate within your force.

Answer

PSNI do not have any Special Constables.

Question 5

The number of PCSO's that operate within your force.

Answer

PSNI do not have any Police Community Support Officers.

Question 6

The number of police support staff who hold "police powers or authorities".

Answer

As of 9th September 2013 PSNI have 27 Assistant Investigators who hold police powers or authority.

Question 7

The overall number of support staff that operate within your force.

Answer

The total number of support staff in PSNI is 2401.

Question 8

Any known policy in the next 5 years to increase or decrease by over 10% to the number of Special Constables, PCSO's or support staff that operate within your force.

Answer

The PSNI has no policy or planned approach with regard to appointing Special Constables, Police Community Support Officers or increase or decrease the number of support staff within the next 5 years.

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.

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