

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00493

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Mental Health Medical Retirements

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please tell me, how many officers in the last 5 years have been medically retired on mental health grounds alone, more specifically, PTSD/depression/anxiety/stress.

Answer

Searches were conducted however, these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

For your information I can advise that for the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2014, 145 Regular Officers were Medically Retired. HR System does not hold the specific reasons for the officer's medical retirement. HR Transaction Centre has stated that from paperwork on file that there is not enough detail to answer the specific reason for medical retirement.

With regard to Police Officers an envelope is forwarded to the Policing Board with recommendation from OHU but it is the Policing Board who makes the final decision and this is then passed to the Officer concerned. No record is held on Personal File as to the reason for Medical Retirement.

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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