



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-00423

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Personnel Attached To PSNI Terrorism Investigation Unit

**Request and Answer:**

### Question 1

How many personnel are attached to the PSNI Terrorism Investigation Unit?

#### Answer

As at 10/02/15 there are a total of 77 personnel (Police and Police Staff) attached to PSNI Terrorism Investigation Unit.

### Question 2

How many of these have previously served in the RUC?

#### Answer

There are currently 31 personnel (Police and Police Staff) who have an appointment date before 04/11/01 as Police Regular, Full Time Reserve, Part Time Reserve or Police Staff and therefore could be stated as having previously served in the RUC.

### Question 3

How many of these have previously served in RUC Special branch?

#### Answer

None.

### Question 4

How many of these personnel have been seconded to or from MI5 in the last 5 years?

#### Answer

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular question. The Police Service of Northern Ireland can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you have requested.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in the request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1) (b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17(1) of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which

- a) states that fact,
- b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and
- c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The PSNI can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information relevant to your request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) – Information Supplied By, Or Concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is an absolute class based exemption which means there is no requirement to articulate any public interest considerations or harm.

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

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](mailto: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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.