



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-01172

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** PTSD Statistics for Last 10 Years

**Request and Answer:**

### Question 1

How many officers have complained of work related PTSD each year over the last 10 years.

### Question 2

How many officers have applied for medical pensions based on PTSD each year, over the last 10 years? And how many have been granted each year over the last 10 years.

Clarification Request: We have been informed by the appropriate record keeper that there is no central database for the medical reasons that a medical pension was applied for and that these details are held in the individual personnel files and to retrieve the requested data would require a manual trawl and would put your request 'over cost'.

However, they have informed us that it would be possible to answer the first question of your FOI request within cost.

Clarification Response: Ok, thanks.

### 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, a table showing the number of Police Officers who have taken a period of sick leave for the period 2005 to 2014 due to 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder'.

Year	Number of Police Officers Absent
2005	37
2006	19
2007	19
2008	25
2009	13
2010	20

2011	21
2012	16
2013	18
2014	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>

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.