

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01826

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Sergeant's Promotion Process 2007 and 2008

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many successfully qualified candidates from the 2007 sergeant's promotion process were promoted?

Question 2

How many successfully qualified candidates from the 2008 sergeant's promotion process were promoted?

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.

In 2007 and 2008 officers were required to pass the relevant examination for promotion to the next rank, namely Ospre Part 1 and Ospre Part 2.

In 2007, the Ospre Part 2 constable to sergeant examination was declared null and void – all officers who sat the examination were required to re-sit the examination in February 2008.

In 2008 148 constables were successful in Ospre Part 2, of these 8 were promoted to Sergeant.

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.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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