



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-01771

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** PSNI Applicants

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of people who applied to join the PSNI in the last recruitment cycle (which I believe was from circa Nov 2013 - March 2015)?

#### 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.

Competition 1 – 7493 people applied to join the PSNI.

Competition 2 – 5856 people applied to join the PSNI.

#### Question 2

A breakdown of their religious affiliation?

#### Answer

Competition 1 – Protestant 4998 (66.70%), Roman Catholic 2294 (30.62%) and Undetermined 201 (2.68%).

Competition 2 - Protestant 3958 (67.59%), Roman Catholic 1718 (29.34%) and Undetermined 180 (3.07%).

#### Question 3

A breakdown of applicants by policing district (i.e. A district, B District etc) - please note address where they applied from will suffice?

#### Answer

PSNI District	Campaign 1	Campaign 2
A	271	252
B	501	415
C	1595	1300
D	1485	1196
E	924	697
F	569	376
G	666	472
H	893	704
Outside NI	589	444
All Applicants	7493	5856

**Question 4**

The number of applicants who were successfully appointed to PSNI from this cohort?

**Answer**

Competition 1 – 401 applicants were successful.

Competition 2 – No appointments to date.

**Question 5**

A breakdown of their religious affiliation?

**Answer**

Competition 1 – Protestant 319 (79.55%), Roman Catholic 77 (19.20%) and Undetermined 5 (1.25%).

**Question 6**

A breakdown of these new recruits by policing district (i.e. A district, B District etc) - please note address where they applied from will suffice?

PSNI District	Campaign 1
A	9
B	31
C	108
D	84
E	37
F	26
G	32
H	55
Unknown	19
All Recruits	401

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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