



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03833

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Fitness Tests And Trouser Sizes

Request and Answer:

For all the information below (where applicable) can you include a breakdown of sexes?

Question 1

How many fitness tests have been carried out – per calendar year - by officers at the force since they were brought in following recommendations made in the Winsor report?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

To date, PSNI have not implemented In-service fitness tests following the recommendations made in the Winsor Report. Consequently, no fitness tests have been carried out.

Question 2

How many of these tests have been failed? Where possible, can you include the ages of the officers when they failed?

Answer

Please see response to question 1.

Question 3

How many times has a failed fitness test resulted in disciplinary action being taken? Where possible, can you include what form this action took?

Answer

Please see response to question 1.

Question 4

How many trousers with waist sizes over 40 inches have you given out over the past 5 years? If this isn't possible can you tell us the ten pairs of trousers with the largest sizes given out during this period?

Clarification Received: In metric this would be 100cms plus.

Answer

1,836 pairs of standard uniform trousers have been issued to police officers with a waist size over 100cms. This is male officers only – we do not have any female sizes over 100cms. Maternity trousers are not included.

N.B. 1,836 does not necessarily relate to the number of officers as officers are usually issued with 4 pairs of trousers. It may also include replacement trousers for those trousers which have been damaged in the course of policing duties.

This figure does not include made to measure trousers as PSNI are not in a position to identify from our records the reason(s) why the standard size product wasn't available.

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