



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00046

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Number Of Police Officers Antrim Area

Request and Answer:

The information I am interested in pertains to the Antrim Area (D District) over the last five years (either financial or calendar).

Question 1

The number of police officers in D District over the last five years, broken down by year.

Question 2

A breakdown of the above figures by area within the District (Antrim, Lisburn, etc) broken down by year.

Question 3

Could this be broken down by rank i.e. the number / percentage at each level from most senior down to constables per year?

I understand that given the recent changes within policing, there might be some changes. For example, the moving of boundaries to tie in with Council areas. If you have any clarification on this which would give context to the figures, this would also be much appreciated.

Clarification Received: I would prefer the figures for Antrim station please. I am happy for the financial years up to the suggested date to be used.

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.

Please see the tables below on page numbered 1 detailing the number of police officers in Antrim Station on 30th September each year as requested in the clarification you provided. The information is broken down by rank.

N.B. The record holder has only included those officers who are located in Antrim Station and attached at District level (2015 figures include North Area Staff located in Antrim Station as former District functions moved to North Area Staff).

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.

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

N.B. Below are the numbers of police officers located in Antrim Station and attached at District level as on 30th September each year broken down by rank.

Year	Rank						Grand Total
	Superintendent	Chief Inspector	Inspector	Sergeant	Constable	Constable Part-time	
2011		1	8	22	101	14	146
2012		1	9	24	116	10	160
2013		1	9	27	109	9	155
2014		1	8	25	106	9	149
2015¹	1	1	3	15	97	9	126

¹ In 2015 figures include 21 North Area Staff located in Antrim Station as former District functions moved to North Area Staff.