



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00124

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Gender Breakdown

Request and Answer:

Question

I am looking for a detailed breakdown of the police force of Northern Ireland in terms of different ranks and the proportion of male and female officers serving in these ranks.

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 table on page numbered 1 below which gives a breakdown of Police Service of Northern Ireland police officers by rank and gender as of 20 January 2016.

N.B. The data does not include Secondments out or officers on Career Breaks and is based on actual numbers and their current ranks whether temporary or substantive.

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.psni.police.uk

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

Rank	Gender		Grand Total
	M	F	
Chief Constable	1		1
Deputy Chief Const	1		1
Assist. Chief Const	4		4
Chief Superintendent	14	3	17
Superintendent	38	10	48
Chief Inspector	76	17	93
Inspector	274	68	342
Sergeant	768	257	1025
Constable	3595	1472	5067
Student Officer	149	72	221
Part-Time Reserve	240	155	395
Grand Total	5160	2054	7214

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