



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00045

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Sickness Absence in Antrim Area

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act.

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

*The number of days lost to sickness over the last five years, broken down by year.

*The number of officers off on extended sick leave over the last five years, broken down by year. Perhaps extended could be eight weeks or more? Or if you have some set definition of 'extended' which the PSNI uses then I am happy to defer to that.

If you have any clarification on this which would give context to the figures, this would also be much appreciated.

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 find below a table, displaying the requested information on the number days lost to sickness over the last five financial years, up to the 30th September 2015, as well as the number of officers who have taken a period of extended sick leave during the same five financial years. As requested the information provided below relates specifically to the Antrim area (D District).

Police Officer Sick Leave - D District		
Financial Year	Days Lost Due to Illness	Number of Officers with Period of Extended Sick Leave
2010-2011	10812	98
2011-2012	8566	86
2012-2013	9313	84
2013-2014	9163	78
2014-2015	11854	99

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.

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