



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-03007

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Police Officers with Criminal Convictions in 2015/16

Request and Answer:

Your requests for information below have now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold the information you have requested and this is being provided to you.

Request 1

How many police officers currently serving in the PSNI hold a criminal conviction received in 2015 and 2016?

Answer

During 2015 and 2016 nine officers, who are currently serving, received criminal convictions.

Request 2

What are the details of the crime/s and disciplinary action taken?

Answer

Officers received convictions for the following offences in 2015 and 2016:

Common assault x 2
Sale of counterfeit goods x 1
Data protection offences x1
Driving offences x 5

The following disciplinary action was taken in relation to these convictions:

Reduction in Pay x 3
Fined x 3
Advice & Guidance x1
Superintendents Written Warning x 2

It should be noted that the above figures do not include officers who have retired, resigned or been dismissed since receiving a conviction. By way of further information, fourteen serving officers received Adult Cautions during 2015 and 2016. These formal warnings are non-statutory disposals and not classed as a conviction, however they form part of an individual's criminal record.

The PSNI expects its staff to behave professionally, ethically and with the utmost integrity at all times. Any officer who breaches the ethical standards expected of them, either on or off duty, can expect to be disciplined accordingly.

The information supplied has been compiled by Discipline Branch, Legacy and Justice Department.

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.

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