



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018- 02444

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Career Progression for Catholic Staff

Request and 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.

Request

I am aware from this morning’s Nolan show that you struggle to recruit catholic staff. I am interested to know how catholic staff progress within PSNI when they are recruited?

For your most recent first level promotion for the force, (I assume this is to Seargent) I would like to know....

- The eligible amount of Catholic’s who did it
- The eligible amount of Protestants who did it
- The amount of pass for Catholic’s
- The amount of pass for Protestants

Answer

Please see the table below that contains details to answer your request.

	Protestant		Roman Catholic		Undetermined		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Applicants	1008	54.19	838	45.05	14	0.75	1860
Successful	105	56.45	79	42.47	2	1.08	186

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.