



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02794

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Constable to Sergeants Exam 2017

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 1

In relation to last year's Con to Sgt and Sgt to Inspector processes (2017) following.

How many Cons have the legal exam but didn't get part 2?

Clarification sought from you the requester:

Please clarify what you mean by Stage 2 for each process. i.e. Const. to Sgt had a Legal Exam, Sift Tool and then Interview. Sgt to Insp had a Legal Exam and then Interview.

Clarification provided by you the requester:

By this I mean the Interview stage for both process.

Answer

A total of 666 Constables passed the Sergeant Legal Exam.

A total of 309 of these officers progressed to interview and a total of 186 of which were successful.

Therefore there were a total of 480 Constables who had the Legal Exam who did not pass Part 3 – Interview.

Request 2

Similarly, how many Sgts have the legal exam, but didn't get their part 2?

Answer

A total of 186 Sergeants passed the Inspector Legal Exam.

A total of 64 officers were successful at the presentation/interview stage.

Therefore there are a total of 122 Sergeants who had the Legal Exam but did not pass Part 2.

Request 3

Similarly, how much is the PSNI charged per candidate exam, i.e. Con to Sgt, Sgt to Inspector?

Answer

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislates for the rights of an individual to seek access to recorded information. The Act only extends to requests for *recorded information* as defined by Section 84 of the Act and does not require public authorities to answer questions or create information to answer an FOI request.

Based on the information you have provided, searches were conducted by Human Resources (HR) however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request. HR has confirmed that this specific information is not recorded.

The information requested is not held in at this level of detail.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.