



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01283

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Driving Levels of PSNI Officers

### 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 1A

1(a) How many officers are employed by your force and

#### Answer

A total of 6787 officers.

#### Request 1B

How many of them hold full driving licences

#### Answer

PSNI Human Resources Department conducted searches however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

However we can advise that a total of 5904 officers have self-declared that they have a current and valid driving licence

#### Request 2A – 2C

According to the College of Policing definition of trained driver's officers can be considered as either basic, standard/response and advanced. Please state how many officers you have at the (a) basic level, (b) standard/response level and (c) advanced level.

Please ensure that officers included in the higher levels and NOT also included in the lower levels.

#### Answer 2A

A total of 11 PSNI Police Officers are trained at 'basic level'.

However please note that the basic level driver is not a category routinely used by the PSNI. We have a small number of senior officers under this designation only.

**Answer 2B**

A total of 5032, of PSNI officers are 'standard response drivers' trained.

**Answer 2C**

A total of 730, of PSNI officers are 'advanced drivers'.

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](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

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