



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00878

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Deaths in Service

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has 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 information to which your request relates.

### Request

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding deaths of police staff, police officers and PCSOs. How many deaths in service since 2002? Can this be broken into on duty and off duty? Causes of deaths – again separated into on duty and off duty (e.g. traffic accidents, natural causes, after an accident, suicide, terrorism).

### Answer

Please see table below showing the number of staff and officer deaths in service since 2002. Information relating to on or off duty and cause of death is only held for officers. PSNI does not employ Police Community Support Officers.

Cessation Reason	Civilian	Police Off Duty	Police On Duty	Grand Total
Death Accident Off Duty		3		3
Death Accident On Duty			1	1
Death By Terrorist On Duty			2	2
Death In Service	27			27
Death Natural Causes Off Duty		64		64
Death Natural Causes On Duty			3	3
Death Traffic Accident Off Duty		9		9
Death Traffic Accident On Duty			7	7
Suicide Off Duty		14		14
Suicide On Duty			3	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>133</b>

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).

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.