



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02270

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Number Of Days Off Sick

Request and Answer:

Request

Under Freedom of Information legislation I wish to receive the information held by the PSNI relating to the number of days leave that have come about as a result of assaults on a police officer between 2016/17 and 2017/18.

I have attached a previous FOI request detailing the number of assaults. Previous F-2018-01246

Clarification to the requester: Can you please confirm what you are referring to mean as the 'number of days leave'?

Clarification from the requester:

I would like to know the number of days of absence that any police officer took/claimed as a result of an on-duty assault he/she was the victim of between 2016/17 and 2017/18, whether that be because of mental or physical injury sustained.

Is that OK?

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.

The total 'number of days of absence': In 2016/17 = 525, in 2017/18 = 419 and in 2018 April- June = 153

The total number 'mental or physical injury sustained': In 2016/17 = 14; in 2017/18 = 14 and In 2018 April – June 2018 = 4

The information provided was captured from a report run for 'Injury on Duty Forms' (Form 23/10), which are completed by officers for injuries including 'assault', however this information will **only** be captured if the supervisors have linked the absence to the Form 23/10 records.

Please note that this information does not correlate and cannot be used with the information provided

in your request number F-2018-01246, as to extract and provide this information would require a manual check of each 5994 records which is estimated to be in excess of the FOI legislative cost of 18 hours.

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.