



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01834

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Officers on Long-Term Sickness Due to Mental Health

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request number 3 below.

Request 1

Number of officers signed off on long-term sickness due to mental health in 2015, 2016, 2017 and up to now in 2018.

Answer

Number of Officers Sick due to Psychological Reasons 2015-2018 in Financial Years	
2015	322
2016	378
2017	340
2018	390
Most Recent Figures OCT 18	333

Request 2

Is there a certain amount of time that first responders to terrorist incidents are given off? If so, how long is required and what is the returning back to work policy? More specifically, incidents such as the Manchester Arena bombing, West Minster Bridge attack, London Bridge attack, Finsbury Park and Parsons Green.

Answer

There are no provisions within PSNI Regulations or Determinations whereby Officers are given time off following attendance at a terrorist incident.

Request 3

Finally, was there a certain amount of time that first responders were given off for the Grenfell Tower fire? If so, how long and what was the returning back to work policy?

Answer

The PSNI do not hold any information in relation to this request.

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.

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