



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02248

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Officers Sick Leave For Psychological Reasons For 10 Years

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

Can I please have the amount of officers in your force that have taken time off work for mental health/anxiety/stress related issues? I would like the total number of days of all absences.

Request 2

Can I please have a yearly breakdown over the last 10 years, since January 1, 2008, up until Wednesday 12 September, 2018?

Answers

Please find the response to your request in the table below:

Officers absent due to Psychological Reasons		
	Number of Officers	Number of Days
2008	325	31521
2009	271	22687
2010	256	21892
2011	306	27162
2012	346	30062
2013	330	28172
2014	403	40646
2015	493	46902
2016	458	41376
2017	510	45479
2018	504	44154

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.