



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02255

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Officers Fitness Test

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

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) passed an annual fitness test in the past year?

Request 2

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) failed an annual fitness test in the past year?

Request 3

Based on the answers to Questions 1 & 2, what is your force's pass rate, as a percentage?

Request 4

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) were disciplined, in line with the unsatisfactory performance procedures as set out in the Police (Performance) Regulations 2012, due to failing an annual fitness test in the past year?

Request 5

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) are currently on restricted duties due to failing an annual fitness test?

Request 6

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) have not taken an annual fitness test in more than 12 months?

Request 7

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support officers (PCSOs) have not taken an annual fitness test in more than 24 months?

Request 8

How many of your police officers (including special constables) and police community support

officers (PCSOs) have not taken an annual fitness test in more than 36 months?

Note: For the above questions 'the past year' can refer to the past 12 months, last calendar year or last financial year – whichever is most convenient for you, based on how you hold the data.

Answers

While some PSNI Specialist Units complete an Annual In-service Physical Competence Assessment, fitness tests within PSNI are not mandatory at present

In addition PSNI does not employ any Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) or Special Constables.

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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