



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02792

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Officers

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

What was the total number of police officers (all grades) in your police force on 1st April 1999?

Answer

As of 01 April 1999, there were a total of 12580. (Regulars, Full-time Reserve and Part-time Reserve).

Request 2

Of those identified in the answer to question 1, can you tell me how many officers in total were from BAME backgrounds?

Answer

Human Resources Department conducted searches however they failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Human Resources Department have advised that the monitoring of Ethnic Background did not commence in PSNU until 01 June 2000.

To assist the total number of officers (Regulars, Full-time Reserve and Part-time Reserve) on the date of commencement was 12256. A total of 20 of these officers were from an ethnic minority background.

Request 3

What was the total number of police officers (all grades) in your police force on 1st April 2018?

Answer

As of 01 April 2018, there were a total of 7072 officers (Regulars and Part-time Reserve).

Request 4

Of those identified in the answer to question 3, can you tell me how many officers in total were from BAME backgrounds?

Answer

A total of 35 of the 7072 were from an ethnic minority background.

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.

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