



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00712

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Trade Unions

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

Which trade union(s) are 'recognised' within your organisation?

For clarity, ACAS define a trade union as “recognised” by an employer when it negotiates agreements with employers on pay and other terms and conditions of employment on behalf of a group of workers.

If there is more than one union, please list the figures separately.

Answer

I can advise that the two recognised trade unions for Police Staff are Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance (NIPSA) and UNITE the Union.

I can advise that the Police Federation and the Superintendents Association are Staff Associations and not trade unions.

Request 2

How many members pay union subscriptions via DOCAS to the trade union(s)?

Answer

NIPSA = 911

Unite = 62

Request 3

How many full-time equivalent posts are seconded to the trade union(s)?

Answer

As at 16th May 2018 – Full Time Equivalent (FTE) = 2.6

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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