



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00125

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Out of Court Settlements

### 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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of out-of-court settlements in civil cases against the PSNI.

I am submitting a revised version of the request ref: FOI-2017-03047, which was refused on time and cost grounds.

### Request 1

For each year from 2012 to 2017 please disclose the following:

The overall number of civil cases against the PSNI which were resolved through out-of-court settlements.

### Request 2

The amount of money paid out in these out-of-court settlements.

### Request 3

If possible, please also provide answers for Q1-2 in relation to settlements for employment tribunal cases.

### Answers 1 - 4

Please find the responses which have been provided in the table below:

	<b>No of cases resolved out of court</b>	<b>Total amount of money paid</b>	<b>No of resolved employment tribunal cases</b>	<b>Total amount of money paid</b>
<b>2012</b>	2743	<b>£20,701,927.64</b>	12	<b>£76,130.00</b>
<b>2013</b>	1958	<b>£14,748,773.66</b>	214	<b>£2,034,814.00</b>
<b>2014</b>	1220	<b>£6,143,632.23</b>	24	<b>£239,983.00</b>
<b>2015</b>	1082	<b>£4,725,638.33</b>	269	<b>£3,999,575.16</b>
<b>2016</b>	883	<b>£3,662,817.88</b>	174	<b>£2,639,813.60</b>
<b>2017</b>	613	<b>£2,897,808.11</b>	27	<b>£444,572.15</b>

Please note that the information provided in columns 2 and 3 (number of cases resolved out of court), do not include figures provided in columns 4 and 5 (number of resolved employment tribunal cases).

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.