



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01833

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Vauxhall Insignia's

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 you advise how many officers have completed an Injury on Duty 23/10's report naming or citing the Armoured Vauxhall Insignia motor Vehicle from 07th June 2017?

Answer

From 7th June 2017 until 30th November 2018 there were a total of 65 officers have completed a total of 92 23/10s where they have named or cited a 'Vauxhall Insignia' in their report.

Please note that an officer can complete and submit more than one 23/10.

In addition the E23/10 is often mistakenly referred to as an 'Injury On Duty' form – this is a common misconception as the e23/10 is instead designed to provide an **initial report only** of the accident/incident/near miss details, to comply with Health and Safety Executive HSE(NI) reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR).

It should also be noted that this data may not reflect a true overview of all injury/ill health accidents sustained by PSNI officers during the requested timeframes, and will only refer to those that have been reported to Health and Safety Branch via the e23/10 accident/incident form and by also selecting the correct fields for injury/ill health.

Request .2

How many legal cases have been lodged against the PSNI for personal Injury relating to this vehicle, from my previous request which stated 10 cases (F-2017-01348)?

Answer

A further 11 claims have been logged.

Request 3

Have any cases been settled. If so what is the total cost to public purse? (Broken down into legal/Medical fees and Compensation.

Answer

None.

The further requests were received on 26th September 2018 and were aggregated for cost purposes as the questions below were on the same subject.

Request 4

Can you advise the dates that writ's were served upon the Chief Constable/PSNI for any cases involving the Vauxhall Insignia Cases prior to 01 Feb 2017?

Answer

A total of 2 cases had writs served prior to February 2017 and the dates are 13 October 2015 and 19 January 2017.

Request 5

How often are the Chief Constable and Senior Management Team briefed on the claims lodged against the PSNI? If not brief, what policy/procedure documents are there covering legal action against the PSNI & Chief Constable and their governance?

Answer

The requirement for PSNI Legal Services or the Crown Solicitors Office to brief the Chief Constable and the Senior Team is taken on a case by case basis.

Where instructions or further directions are required, this can take the form of a personal briefing to the senior officer or on some occasions be brought through a formal governance board.

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