



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00423

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Required to Resign Under Fast Track Procedures

Request and Answer:

Your requests for information below have now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold the information you have requested and this is being provided to you.

Request

I am referring to misconduct proceedings under the Fast Track Procedures as specified in Part 1 of the Schedule 3 of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) Regulations 2000.

Can you please tell me how many officers who were dismissed or required to resign under the above regulations were subsequently found not guilty or have had cases dropped in criminal courts?

Request for clarification

Please clarify the time period you wish covered by your request

Response to request for clarification

If you could check the last 10, 15 and 20 years. If this exceeds the cost of the request then please keep the search within budgetary constraints.

Further request for clarification

Would please confirm that by the last 10, 15 and 20 years you require the figures for 2008, 2003 and 1998?

Response to request for clarification

Could you give me figures for years from 1998 to 2018 (20 years) inclusively.

If this exceeds the permitted costs, could you narrow it down to 2003 to 2018 (15 years) inclusively, and if this also exceeds the permitted costs could you please provide them for the last 10 years 2008 to 2018 inclusively?

Answer

No officer who has been dismissed or required to resign under Fast Track Procedures has been subsequently found not guilty or had their case dropped in criminal courts during the period 2007 to date. There is no information available for the period prior to 2007.

It should be noted that the answer given above is specific to a find of not guilty, or where a case has actually been dropped. Matters where a case was 'left on the books' would not fall under the above definitions as these cases can potentially be revisited.

The information supplied has been compiled by Professional Standards, Legacy and Justice Department.

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