FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00013

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Suspended PSNI Officers

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

As of 01.01.22 how many of your force's officers (not specials) were suspended on full pay?

Answer

As of 1st January 2022, a total of 34 officers are suspended on full pay.

Request 2

Please provide me with a breakdown showing the number of officers suspended in each rank of your force as of 1st January 2022.

Answer

Please see the response provided in the table below.

RANK	NUMBER OF OFFICERS
Sergeant	5
Constable	28
Part-Time Officer	1

Request 3

Please also provide me with a list showing the date (month/year) that each officer suspended as of 1st January 2022 was first suspended from duty on full pay?

Answer

Please see the response provided in the table below.

DATE	NUMBER OF OFFICERS
July 2014	1
December 2016	1
September 2017	1
December 2017	1
May 2018	1
May 2019	1
October 2019	2
July 2020	1
August 2020	1
October 2020	1
December 2020	2
January 2021	2
February 2021	2
March 2021	1
April 2021	1
June 2021	1
July 2021	1
August 2021	1
September 2021	2
October 2021	4
November 2021	2
December 2021	4

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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