

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



F-2021-00407 **Request Number:**

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Names of Area Co-ordinators

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

Under FOI could I please request the following information? Names of Area Co-ordinators for:

Belfast Area - (Ch. Supt Simon Walls?)

North Area - (?)

South Area - (Ch. Supt Andrew Freeburn?)

Derry City & Strabane - (Ch. Supt Emma Bond?)

Request 2

If possible please also include the names of all previous Chief Superintendents who have fulfilled the above four posts since the introduction in 2015.

Answers

Please see the table provided below which outlines the names of Area Co-ordinators for the requested areas, including the names of previous Chief Superintendents who have fulfilled the posts since 2015.

Please note that Derry City and Strabane Area ('DC&S') was created late 2020.

Please also note that 'Belfast Area' and 'DC&S Area' are ordinarily referred to as 'Belfast District' and 'DC&S District' rather than 'Area's', and the 2 Area Co-ordinator posts are North and South Area.

Area Co-Ordinators 2015-2021				
Year	Belfast Area	North Area	South Area	DC&S Area*
2021	Ch/Supt Simon Walls	Ch/Supt David Beck	Ch/Supt Andrew Freeburn	Ch/Supt Darrin Jones
2020	Ch/Supt Simon Walls Ch/Supt Jonathan Roberts	Ch/Supt David Beck Ch/Supt Emma Bond Ch/Supt Ryan Henderson	Ch/Supt Peter Farrar	Ch/Supt Darrin Jones
2019	Ch/Supt Jonathan Roberts	Ch/Supt Gordon McCalmont	Ch/Supt Peter Farrar	
2018	Ch/Supt Jonathan Roberts	Ch/Supt Paula Hilman	Ch/Supt Darren Evans	
2017	Ch/Supt Jonathan Roberts	Ch/Supt Paula Hilman	Ch/Supt Alywin Barton	
2016	Ch/Supt Christopher Noble	Ch/Supt Eric Murray Ch/Supt Garry Eaton	Ch/Supt Pauline Shields	
2015	Ch/Supt Nigel Grimshaw	Ch/Supt Stephen Cargin	Ch/Supt Kevin Dunwoody Ch/Supt George Irvine	

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 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.