



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00706

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Pension Arrangements

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 does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Did your force provide information on pension arrangements to officers who joined service between 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2015? If the answer to 1 above is yes, please also provide the following information.

Answer

Yes.

Request 2

Was the information provided to joiners generic (standard wording), or bespoke (tailored to individual circumstances)?

Answer

Bespoke.

Request 3

Was the information provided individually to each new officer, or made available in a shared environment? If shared environment, please detail all settings in which information was made available.

Answer

Both, information provided as a group presentation with each officer also receiving a booklet.

Request 4

Was the information provided electronically, in writing, or both?

Answer

Both.

Request 5

Please provide copies of the information provided to these joiners in respect of their pension arrangements.

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents held by PSNI relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. This information formed part of a slideshow which was printed and issued to officers at the time and is no longer held. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.