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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01120

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Deployment of Transgender Officers and Staff

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 not hold information to which your request relates.

Request 1

How many officers serving in your force have a GRC (Gender Recognition Certificate)?

Request 2

How many officers under your jurisdiction identify as transgender who do not hold a GRC?

Request 3

Does your chief officer restrict police officers with a GRC who are legally recognised as female to carry out duties as described above in PACE Annex L5?

Request 4

Does your chief officer restrict the duties of officers who identify as transgender who do not hold a GRC?

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your requests have failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

This information is not available as transgender is not currently monitored by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Please note: Transgender guidance is currently being prepared but not yet in effect.

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.