



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01194

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** From 1990 Number of Female Officers

**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**

I am requesting statistics on the amount of female police officers in each district of the PSNI. For example, the number of female officers in the Antrim and Newtownabbey district, and the Belfast City district and so on.

I am requesting a breakdown of the number of female officers in these areas from as far back as 1990, I do understand this might not be possible, therefore I am requesting a breakdown of these figures from as far back as able to be provided.

**Answer**

PSNI have provided figures from 1990 – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020, however prior to 2015 we are unable to breakdown the figures into Policing Districts as the District’s boundaries have changed several times during this period of time. In 2015 the organisation changed to the new boundaries in the current Districts.

‘Table 1’- provides the total number of regular female officers from 1990 – 2014.

Year	Total Regular Female Officers
1990	705
1991	706
1992	788
1993	816
1994	851
1995	885
1996	894
1997	921

1998	930
1999	999
2000	985
2001	960
2002	1070
2003	1202
2004	1382
2005	1499
2006	1567
2007	1629
2008	1711
2009	1799
2010	1861
2011	1896
2012	1882
2013	1857
2014	1872

'Table 2' provides from 2015 a breakdown of the total numbers by each 11 Policing Districts.

	Years						Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
A-DISTRICT	160	169	180	179	181	201	1070
B-DISTRICT	75	68	71	63	60	59	396
C-DISTRICT	66	60	63	67	55	55	366
D-DISTRICT	97	90	74	77	79	89	506
E-DISTRICT	107	91	83	84	85	86	536
F-DISTRICT	58	50	48	48	45	44	293
G-DISTRICT	59	62	60	53	55	64	353
H-DISTRICT	101	92	81	73	88	99	534
J-DISTRICT	68	59	57	57	53	51	345
K-DISTRICT	70	73	69	59	59	64	394
L-DISTRICT	79	66	65	61	61	64	396
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>5189</b>

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.

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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.