



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01435

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Covid Vaccinations

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

Can you please tell me what percentage of all your officers have been fully vaccinated with a Covid vaccine as of this date 14 June 2021?

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 not hold information in relation to your request. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

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

Request 2

As a daily public interfacing organisation does the PSNI currently, or intended, have a mandatory vaccine policy to protect the public they engage with?

Answer

No – however, the PSNI has an enhanced risk assessment process which includes assessing Covid concerns before responding to any call. Where necessary, officers in dedicated Covid response crews will attend. These officers have access to enhanced levels of Personal protective Equipment and are experienced in responding to calls in a Covid secure way.

Request 3

If not, does the PSNI intend to advise any member of the public they physically engage with of the officer/s vaccination status so that those persons can make protective choices relative to government advice?

Answer

No – whether an officer chooses to disclose their vaccination status would be a matter for the

individual officer in the circumstances they were presented with.

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.