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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-01667

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Police Officer Sickness Absences Due to Covid-19

### 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

How many days absence have been recorded for police officers who reported sick with Covid 19 during the period 1st March 2020 and 30th June 2021?

#### Answer

PSNI recorded 14884 calendar days for police officers who reported sick with Covid 19 during the period 1st March 2020 and 30th June 2021

#### Request 2

How many police officers have received any form of attendance management warning as a result of being absence from work as a result of Covid 19 related sickness during the period 1st March 2020 and 30th June 2021?

#### Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland do not issue Attendance Management Warnings, they do however, issue Written Improvement Notices. I can advise that during the timeframe specified there were 2 Police Officers who were issued Written Improvement Notices for COVID-19 absences.

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](mailto: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/](http://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.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.