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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01705

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Police Numbers

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

Please inform me of the precise number of "Warranted Police Officers" on PSNI establishment?

Clarification sought from the requester:

Can you advise as to which PSNI establishment you mean? I.e. all establishments or just certain ones?

Clarification received from the requester:

To clarify, at the time of the request how many police officers in PSNI are warranted holding a valid warrant card?

Answer

Please see figures below, provided as of the 21st July 2021.

PSNI Establishment: A total of **7101** (number of funded police officer positions).

PSNI Actual Headcount: A total of **6990** (including officers on career break, secondment, suspension and student officers).

PSNI Full Time Equivalent (FTE): A total of **6935.88** (The Full Time Equivalent value of each officer based on contracted hours).

Part-Time Reserve:

Establishment: A total of **241**.

Actual Headcount: A total of **241** (includes career breaks).

FTE: A total of **222**.

Please note that FTE Strengths are available on the PSNI website broken down by rank.

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.

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.