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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01727

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: SPED and Community Background Figures

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 1

Can you please provide the figures for the number of officers SPED from their homes? In particular, those relevant to the article by PFNI in the Belfast Telegraph. If it is not yourselves who compile these then could you pass me in the right direction?

Request 2

I specifically seek the community background figures of the officers impacted by this issue. Obviously no names are required.

Answers

The Police Service of Northern Ireland can advise that a total of 11 officers have availed of the Special Purchase of Evacuated Dwellings ('SPED') and/or Emergency Housing scheme from 1st January 2017 to 26th July 2021 as per the timeframe stated in the Media Article referred to.

Of the 11 officers, 4 officers had a Protestant community background and 7 officers had a Roman Catholic community background.

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.

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