



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01728

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Overtime Paid to Police Officers

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

Please state the total amount of overtime pay that was paid out by your force to its police officers for the financial year (a) 2019/20 and (b) 2020/21.

Answer

Please see table below outlining the total amount overtime paid by the Police Service of Northern Ireland ('PSNI') to police officers for 2019/2020 and 2021/21;

	2020/21 Cash £000	2019/20 Cash £000
Police Officer Overtime	£32,970	£37,021
Total	£32,970	£37,021

Request 2

Please state the total amount of overtime pay received in the last financial year (20/21) for the officer who received the most in overtime pay. Please state if the officer was a constable or a sergeant and in which department they worked.

(Note the answer should give the rank of the officer (constable) and just his/her total annual overtime pay remembering to EXCLUDE other types of pay)

Answer

The total amount of overtime pay received in the last financial year (20/21) was £35,008. The officer was a Sergeant within Crime Department.

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.

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