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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02102

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PPB/CIB Stats

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

The total number of positions at all ranks within the Public Protection Branch – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: By ranks is this just Police Officers and not staff? Public Protection Branch is not part of districts they are broken down by trusts such as North, Belfast etc.? There are other units within Public Protection which do not sit under these Trusts, are you the requestor content these are shown as separate? – This will also refer to a number of other questions 3, 4, 5,

Clarification received: This is acceptable.

Request 2

The number of these posts that have not been filled / persons not appointed – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: Is this with Temporary Promotions and Temporary Transfers reverted?

Clarification received: The request is based on what roles are currently vacant and do not have a member of staff completing.

Request 3

The number of current staff on sick leave @ week ending 05/09/2021 – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: Reports we run are based on a monthly basis, so it would be for 31/08/2021

Clarification received: This is acceptable.

Request 4

The number of days lost in 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 tax years due to sickness – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: For the whole of PSNI or just Public Protection?

Clarification received: All information for Public Protection Branch.

Request 5

Nature of sick leave – i.e. percentage breakdown for areas – Musculoskeletal, Mental Health (Stress, Depression etc.), Injury on Duty, Maternity Leave etc - breakdown per district

Clarification sought: For the whole of PSNI or just Public Protection?

Clarification received: All information for Public Protection Branch.

Request 6

The total number of positions at all ranks within the Criminal Investigations Branch – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: As at current or closest date? By ranks is this just Police Officers and not staff? There are other units within Criminal Investigations Branch which do not sit under Districts, are you the requestor content these are shown as separate? This also is applicable to Q7, 8, 9, 10.

Clarification received: This is acceptable.

Request 7

The number of these posts that have not been filled / persons not appointed – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: Is this with Temporary Promotions and Temporary Transfers reverted? There are other units within Criminal Investigations Branch which do not sit under Districts, are you the requestor content these are shown as separate?

Clarification received: The request is based on what roles are currently vacant and do not have a member of staff completing.

Request 8

The number of current staff on sick leave @ week ending 05/09/2021 – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: Reports we run are based on a monthly basis, are you content the report date would be 31/08/2021.

Clarification received: This is acceptable.

Request 9

The number of days lost in 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 tax years due to sickness – breakdown per district

Clarification sought: For the whole of PSNI or just Criminal Investigations Branch?

Clarification received: All information for Criminal Investigations Branch.

Request 10

Nature of sick leave – i.e. percentage breakdown for areas – Musculoskeletal, Mental Health (Stress, Depression etc), Injury on Duty, Maternity Leave etc - breakdown per district

Clarification sought: For the whole of PSNI or just Criminal Investigations Branch?

Clarification received: All information for Criminal Investigations Branch.

Answer to Requests 1 – 10

Please see the responses provided in the separate attached spreadsheet, and can be found under the relevant labelled tabs.

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.

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