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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-02270

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Ranks and uniforms

### 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

Ranks used within the PSNI for Commissioned Constables (Not the rank but rather the Office of Constable, from PC to Chief Constable) and pictures of their epaulet insignias

#### Answer

Please see attached PDF which provides images of the ranks structure epaulets, and to further assist the following link provides further information on ranks:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/strength-of-police-service-statistics/>

#### Request 2

What is currently on the Chief Constables badge seen below (Dated from 2002 - 2009) with a more contemporary version

#### Answer

Please see attached document titled Chief Constable Badge.

#### Request 3

Uniform Regulations or Policy for Dress Uniforms

#### Answer

The PSNI's Number 1 uniform consists of the following:

- Cap, tunic with whistle & chain, trousers/skirt, Long-sleeved shirt & tie, boots/shoes, dress gloves, parade gloves.
- This uniform is to be worn for ceremonial occasions, formal funerals or as and when directed by the District Commander. At funerals, Chief Officers, Chief Superintendents, and Superintendents and their staff officers of whatever rank will wear black-mourning bands on the left arm.

- If the weather is inclement the mourning band will be worn over the outer clothing.

#### **Request 4**

The colour of the Dress Uniform, as per the picture below looks black and am wondering the colour.

#### **Answer**

The colour of the PSNI uniform is 'Pantone Green'.

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 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.