



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-02334

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Vetting of PSNI Personnel

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 (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Have all officers and staff who joined prior to the adoption of the national vetting policy in 2006 now been retrospectively vetted?

If the answer is no, please state the number who have not been retrospectively vetted.

Answer

PSNI can advise that not all officers and staff have yet been retrospectively vetted.

A total of 593 officers have not been retrospectively vetted.

Request 2

How many officers and staff have not been re-vetted at clearance level 'Recruitment Vetting (RV)' [the initial vetting process for police officers, police staff and members of the Special Constabulary, see attached doc for more detail 6.11] after ten years of service in each of the following years:

- a. 2020
- b. 2021 to date

Answers 2 A and B

Please see the table below outlining the number of officers and staff that have not been re-vetted at clearance level for the requested time period;

Year	Total Officers and Staff
2020	178
2021 (to date)	102

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.