

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-02567

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** PSNI Staff Working from Home

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold some information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

I would like to know the number of police staff and officers who are continuing to working from home?

#### Answers

It is not possible for the PSNI to answer this request, as each Department and/or District practises different working arrangements. Some staff are working from home 5 days a week to others working 1, 2, 3 or 4 days a week.

However, it should be noted that as of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 there are currently 5422 laptops and rugged devices issued to individuals. Please note that this figure is not absolute and does not illustrate the total number of individuals working from home.

The following should also be noted:

- The figure is constantly changing due to the issuing and return of laptops, and also does not accurately reflect devices actively being used.
- A number of Police Officers and Staff have either retired or left the organisation for a number of reasons and PSNI may be waiting for these devices to be returned before records can be updated. Further, a number of Departments have migrated away from Common Terminals and now dock their laptops into a station instead, which again alters the number of laptops being used for home working.
- In addition, rugged devices are for frontline officers and are therefore not home working devices. Please note that this process is also in the trial phase.

#### Request 2

How many are classed as CEV?

#### Clarification Requested

Please provide the definition of "CEV"

## **Clarification Received**

CEV - clinically extremely vulnerable

## **Answer**

However as of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, we can advise the following :

Covid-19 Confirmed Work from Home – Total 18, 12 Police Officers and 6 Police Staff  
Working from Home CEV Shielding = Total 21 , 11 Police Officers and 10 Police Staff

Please note that all the information supplied is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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 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/](http://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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

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