

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02653

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Staff Compensation Claims

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

Could you provide details of all claims for compensation by PSNI staff in the past two years?

I would like the information broken down by number of complaints, reason for each complaint and whether each complaint was upheld or denied. In each successful complaint could you please provide the figure awarded. For example: Complaint 1: broken leg in fall, complaint upheld, payment £2000.

Answer

Please see the response provided in the table below, and it should be noted that the 'year' reflects when compensation was paid and has no correlation to when the incident occurred.

Year	Claim No.	Allegation	Outcome	Compensation Paid
2020	Claim 1	Claimant fell in Police Estate	Settled out of court	£10,000
	Claim 2	Injured when lifting items	Settled out of court	£3,000
	Claim 3	Claimant exposed to fumes	Settled out of court	£25,000
	Claim 4	Injured when lifting items	Settled out of court	£20,000
	Claim 5	Sustained a burn	Settled out of court	£5,000
2021	Claim 1	Claimant fell in police grounds	Settled out of court	£6,000
	Claim 2	Injury to eye	Settled out of court	£11,250
	Claim 3	Slipped and sustained an injury	Settled out of court	£2,500
	Claim 4	Vehicle damaged	settled	£75

		when parked in station car park		
	Claim 5	Clothing damaged on office equipment	settled	£100

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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