



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02848

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Dedicated Traffic Officers

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 the following:

Request 1

Regarding the number of traffic officers employed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland on the dates specified how many dedicated traffic officers were employed by the PSNI Force on November 1, 2011?

Request 2

How many dedicated operational traffic officers were employed by your force on November 1, 2016?

Request 3

How many dedicated operational traffic officers were employed by your force on November 1, 2021?

Answers

PSNI interpreted your request to be in relation to the ‘total number of PSNI Uniformed Traffic Officers who patrol the road network and are available to attend calls and detect offences’.

Based on this please see in the table below the total number officers with a duty type of Operational Traffic Officers for the requested time period. These figures have been broken down by Establishment (Est) v Actual:

| Date | Inspector Est | Inspector Actual | Sergeant Est | Sergeant Actual | Constable Est | Constable Actual |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 01 November 2011 | 7 | 5 | 25 | 23.75 | 193.5 | 149.75 |
| 01 November 2016 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 15.75 | 111 | 103 |

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|------------------------|---|---|----|----|-------|-------|
| 01 November 2021 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 109.4 | 99.75 |
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Please note that there are other non-operational posts such as Education Officers, Traffic Management Officers and the investigators attached to the Collision Investigation Unit, and therefore on certain occasions these officers are drafted in to assist with Very Important Persons (VIP) escorts or public order duties.

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 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.