



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00028

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Police Officers With Convictions Or Cautions

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

Since 2016 please advise the number of serving police officer's who have either received a conviction for a criminal offence or accepted a caution.

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised since 2016 a total number of 41 officers have received a criminal conviction, with 29 officers receiving an adult caution.

Request 2

Please advise in relation to the matter's above the criminal offence convicted or caution accepted

Answer

PSNI Record Owners have advised the Officers were convicted of, or received an adult caution for the following offences:

- Data Protection – 22 officers
- Theft – 2 officers
- Driving with excess alcohol – 8 officers
- Careless driving – 7 officers
- Driving without vehicle tax or MOT – 8 officers
- Common assault – 6 officers
- Excess speed – 2 officers
- Driving with no insurance – 1 officer
- Disorderly behaviour – 3 officers
- Contempt of court – 1 officer
- Malicious communications – 1 officer
- Breach of NMO – 1 officer
- Driving without due care and attention – 2 officers
- Harassment – 2 officers
- Obstruction – 1 officer
- Criminal damage – 2 officers

Perverting the course of justice – 1 officer
Possession of a loaded firearm whilst drunk – 1 officer
Possession of ammunition without a certificate – 1 officer
Fraud – 1 officer
Failure to report an accident – 1 officer

Please Note: Some officers have been convicted for more than one offence, hence the discrepancy in numbers between Request Numbers 1 and 2.

Request 3

Please advise of those at 1 above which what disciplinary action was taken by the PSNI and the ultimate sanction imposed.

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised the following outcomes resulted from the cases identified in Request Number 1:

Retired / resigned – 14 officers
Dismissed – 6 officers
Required to Resign – 2 officers
Dismissed via other process – 2 officers
Reduction in Pay – 5 officers
Fined – 3 officers
Final written warning – 7 officers
Written warning – 12 officers
Management action / advice – 9 officers
Outcome still pending – 9 officers
No Further Action – 1 officer.

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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