



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00069

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Amount Paid by PSNI in Damages & Legal Costs

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

The total amount paid by PSNI arising out of litigation brought against them in damages for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Request 2

The total amount paid by PSNI in respect of legal costs arising out of litigation referred to at 1 above for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing the total amounts paid by PSNI in damages and legal costs for the period 2015 – 2019.

Legal Services	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Current Year to end of Jan 20	TOTALS
Compensation	6,249,950	4,920,594	4,750,298	2,751,949	2,476,851	1,174,324	22,323,966
Legal	4,119,127	3,325,321	2,444,926	1,702,248	1,355,605	720,980	13,668,208
TOTALS	10,369,077	8,245,915	7,195,224	4,454,197	3,832,457	1,895,304	35,992,174

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.

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.