



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00317

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI Public Protection Branch Officers

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

How many officers are trained specifically to respond to reports of sexual offences made by members of the public? Please can this figure be broken down per division of PSNI?

Clarification to requester

PSNI record owner has advised that all front line officers would have initial training for response to Sexual offences, but are you specifically referring to Public Protection Branch Officers only?

Clarification from requester

I'd like to know how many Public Protection Branch officers there are in PSNI.

Answer

PSNI record owner has advised that all Front Line Officers would have initial training for response to Sexual offences. However within Public Protection Branch there is:

- 1 Detective Chief Superintendent
- 2 Detective Superintendents
- 5 Detective Chief Inspectors
- 20 Detective Inspectors
- 47 Detective Sergeants
- 255.98 Detective Constables.

Please note: The figure of 255.98 (Detective Constables) is due to some officers working reduced hours and also includes Part-Time Officers.

Request 2

How many sexual offences investigative trained officers were on duty across the weekend of 2nd-3rd November. Again, can this figure be broken down per division of PSNI?

Answer

PSNI record owner has advised that on the weekend of 2nd – 3rd November 2019 there was 1 Detective Chief Inspector, 2 Detective Inspectors, 9 Detective Sergeants, 33 Detective Constables on duty within PSNI Public Protection Branch.

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.

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