



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-00539

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Police Officers Domestic Abuse

### 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

In relation to those officers who received a criminal conviction or caution since 2016 can you advise if any of these were in relation to incidents classed as 'domestic abuse'.

#### Answer

The PSNI Record Owner has advised that of those officers who have received a criminal conviction or caution since 2016, three were classed as 'domestic abuse'.

#### Request 2

In relation to those matters classed as domestic by PSNI what are the offences for which a conviction or caution was administered and what was the ultimate disciplinary sanction imposed.

#### Answer

The offences for which a conviction or caution were administered:

Harassment x 2

Common Assault x 1

The disciplinary sanctions imposed:

Dismissed with notice x 2

Reduction in Pay x 1

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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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