



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2021-00686

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Convicted Police 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**

Please provide, from March 2016 to present:

Every case that a Police Officer in your Force was convicted of a criminal offence, including the date of the conviction and what the Officer was convicted of?

**Answer**

Please see table below outlining the convictions for police officers including the year of conviction.

YEAR	CONVICTION	Total
2016	Driving with Access Alcohol and drunk in possession of a Firearm	1
	Breach of Computer Misuse Act	1
	Breach of Data Protection	1
	Common Assault	1
	Careless Driving	2
2017	Theft	3
	Disorderly Behaviour	2
	Driving without due care and attention	1
	Driving without insurance/MOT/vehicle tax	2

	Driving with Access Alcohol	2
	Careless Driving	1
	Careless Driving & perverting the course of justice	1
	Voyeurism / making indecent images of children	1
2018	Breach of Data Protection	2
	Fraud	1
	Obstruction	1
	Driving with Excess Alcohol	2
	Common Assault	2
	Driving without Insurance or MOT	1
	Excess Speed	2
	Driving without due care and attention	1
	Driving without Insurance/MOT/vehicle tax	1
	Careless Driving	1
2019	Breach of Data Protection	1
	Driving with Excess Alcohol	1
	Breach of Non Molestation Order	1
	Driving without Insurance/MOT/vehicle tax	2
	Careless Driving	1
2020	Assault	1
	Excess Speed	3
	Driving with Excess Alcohol	2

The Police Service expects all officers and staff to behave ethically and with the utmost integrity at all times both on and off duty. Any officer who fails to abide by the high standards of behaviour expected of all officers as laid out in our Code of Ethics can expect to be rigorously investigated. Officers who fall short of this can expect to be subject to internal misconduct proceedings as is normal procedure following the conclusion of criminal proceedings.

## Request 2

For each case, whether you have exercised your powers of pension forfeiture under Regulation K5 of the Police Pension Regulations Act 1987. If so, please state how much of the pension was forfeited?

## **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 does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Forfeiture of police pensions is a matter for the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.