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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-00744

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Police Officers In Schools

### Request and Answer:

#### Request

Please can you provide the number of police officers deployed to schools, from 2015 to present? Please break the information down by year, and show which schools the officers are deployed to in what numbers. If you can't break it down by school, geographical area would be acceptable.

#### Clarification to requester

Can you please confirm what you mean by deployed?

#### Clarification from requester

Thanks for your request to clarify. I'm asking for the number of officials from the police force who have attendance at/work with schools as part of their regular duties, in the sense referred to in this article which speaks about the Safer Schools Initiative: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/are-police-officers-in-schools-a-force-for-good/>.

#### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

In PSNI we do not have dedicated schools officers who work solely or even mainly with schools. We rather have Local Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Policing Teams whose officers provide a number of hours Citizenship and Safety Education ( CASE) engagement with schools in their area.

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.

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