



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-00863

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Drug Testing by the PSNI

### 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

Since the inception of Random and Intelligence led drugs testing in the PSNI how many drugs tests have been administered?

#### Clarification sought from you the Requester:

Can you please advise as to who these tests are referring to? Police Officers/Police Staff. Or others?

#### Clarified received from you the Requester:

'The request is in relation to drugs testing by the organisation as a whole'

#### Answer

In PSNI since the inception of Random and Intelligence led drugs testing there have been a total of 1475 tests.

#### Request 2

How many of these have indicated as positive for the presence of controlled drugs? Opiates, Amphetamines, Cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Methamphetamine etc.

#### Answer

Of these tests a total of 15 indicated as 'positive' for the presence of a controlled drug.

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