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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-00932

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Data Protection Investigations

### Request and 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 hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

From January 2019 - current date how many Data Protection investigations were instigated against Police Officers and Police Staff?

#### Answer

There have been 49 Data Protection investigations (both preliminary enquiries and full investigations) carried out by PSD (Professional Standards Department) since January 2019.

#### Request 2

Of those already completed what were the outcomes in broad terms e.g. Prosecution, No further action, not proven etc

#### Answer

The following outcomes resulted from those investigations which have been concluded:

Informal misconduct outcome – 11 cases  
Formal misconduct outcome – 1 case  
No further action – 10 cases

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.