



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-00810 and F-2021-01007

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Serving Officers with convictions

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered and we apologise for the delay in responding to your request and for any confusion which has arisen. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and we are providing this to you.

You made the following request to PSNI:

### Request

You refined your previous request (PSNI reference F-2021-0065) on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021. You have confirmed you wish us to process the following refined request:

*“Due to the existence of a separate database, it is possible to provide details of all serving officers who have received a criminal conviction during their employment in the PSNI, covering the last 10 years. However if the information is considered to be low level and identifiable the information it may be subject to exemption”*

You further confirmed to us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 the following:

*“I hope you're well and thanks for your email.*

*Essentially I would like to know how many serving police officers in your force have a criminal conviction and what the conviction is for.”*

At this point we provided you with a new reference number (F-2021-01007) and are providing you with this information

### Answer

PSNI has considered your request and can confirm we can provide you with the requested information.

There are 10 serving police officers with criminal convictions. The convictions include;

Misconduct in public office  
Death by careless driving  
Careless Driving causing GBI  
Sale of counterfeit goods  
Common assault  
Breach of data protection  
Breach of non-molestation order

PSNI takes all allegations of wrongdoing very seriously. We currently have a total of 6960 serving officers. It should be noted that all officers who received a conviction in court are subject to formal PSNI misconduct proceedings.

If you have any queries regarding your request 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.