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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01078

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Officers Disciplined Regarding Use of Police Vehicle

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

From 1st April 2016 to 30th April 2021 how many members of the PSNI have been disciplined for using a police vehicle contrary to the Road Traffic NI Order, PSNI policies, directives or regulations?

Answer

Between 1st April 2016 and 30th April 2021 a total of 25 officers have been disciplined for using a police vehicle contrary to the Road Traffic NI Order or PSNI policies, directives and regulations.

Request 2

Please break down by Department and type of disciplinary action taken?

Answer

These are broken down as follows:

a) District/Department

District/Department	Number Of Officers
A District - Belfast	9
B District – Lisburn And Castlereagh	1
C District – Ards And North Down	1
D District – Newry Mourne And Down	2
J District – Causeway Coast And Glens	2
K District – Mid And East Antrim	1
L District – Antrim And Newtownabbey	3
Operational Support Department	6

- b) Sanction Superintendent's Written Warning – 2 officers
- Advice & Guidance – 9 officers
- Management action – 12 officers
- Management advice – 2 officers

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.

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.