



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01388

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: ACC Todd Presided Over Appeals

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.

Clarification for request number - F-2020-01274

Request

How many Appeal to dismissal hearings had ACC Todd presided over prior to 1 Feb 2019?

1st Clarification to Requester

How many Appeal to dismissal hearings had ACC Todd presided over prior to 1 Feb 2019? Please clarify if this Request refers to Student Officers only or if it should include Police Officers and Police Staff also.

1st Clarification from Requester

If possible, please can you provide a breakdown for student officer appeal hearings, police officer appeal hearings and police staff appeal hearings. If this is not possible, please produce what information you can.

2nd Clarification to Requester

By 'Appeal to Dismissal' hearings, do you only mean where ACC Todd has heard an appeal to the result of a hearing (where an officer was dismissed), or do you also mean where he has presided over a misconduct hearing which resulted in dismissal.

Can you please also provide a timescale, whilst you have provided prior to 1st Feb 2019, if possible to assist can you please confirm to a start date.

2nd Clarification from Requester

I mean, "where ACC Todd has heard an appeal to the result of a hearing (where an officer, or student officer, was dismissed)".

Between 1 Jan 2010 and 1 Feb 2019.

Answers

Within the time period 1st January 2010 – 1st February 2019, ACC Todd has not presided over or heard any appeals, relating to the outcome 'Regulation 13' hearings, or Police Officers within the timeframe cited. 'Regulation 13' refers to 'Probationer Constables'.

ACC Todd has presided over a total of 4 appeals where a 'Student Officer' was dismissed.

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.

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