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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01586

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Police officers who have tested positive for Coronavirus

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

I would like to receive information on the number of police officers in Northern Ireland who have tested positive for Coronavirus (covid-19) from the beginning of March 2020 until 20th August 2020.

Answer

16 Police Officers have tested positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of March 2020 to 20th August 2020.

Request 2

I would also be interested in receiving information relating to the number of police officers in Northern Ireland who have been tested for Coronavirus (covid-19) in general during this period (March 2020-20th August 2020).

Answer

The PSNI is aware of 295 Police Officers who have been tested during the period of March 2020 to 20 August 2020.

Please note, There is no obligation on officers to advise the PSNI if a test had been performed.

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.