



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01833

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Mason Membership

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

I would like to request further information under the above freedom of information request re Mason membership in PSNI. I would like to request the breakdown of rank among the 175 police officers please who have declared mason membership.

Answer

Please see table below detailing Mason membership by rank of police officers:

RANK	NUMBER
Chief Superintendent	1
Chief Inspector	3
Inspector	12
Sergeant	25
Constable	101
Police Officer Part Time	13
TOTAL	155

Please note: the total number of officers is lower than the previous FOI request. This is due to some officers having retired /system being updated since the previous request. We are only able to search the records as they exist at present and cannot search them as they appeared at some point in the past.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.