



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01863

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Declared Memberships

### 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

How many PSNI officers have declared they are a member of the GAA?

#### Answer

Police officers are not specifically required to declare membership of the GAA.

However a total of 12 officers have declared membership of the GAA under the category of 'Other Organisations'.

Please note that officers are not obliged to notify PSNI of membership of the GAA as it is not one of the stated organisations, therefore there here may be other officers who have not completed this field, and this data would not be captured within this response.

#### Request 2

How many PSNI officers have declared they are a member of the Ancient order of Hibernia's?

#### Answer

One police officer has declared membership of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

#### Request 3

How many PSNI members have declared they are a member of the orange order?

#### Answer

A total of 103 police officers have declared membership of the Loyal Orange Institution.

#### Request 4

How many members of the PSNI have declared they are a member of a political party?

#### Request 5

How many members have declared they are a member of Sinn Fein?

## **Answers 4 and 5**

Police officers are not specifically required to declare membership of political parties. Therefore no officers have declared membership of any political party.

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](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.