

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02041

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI Personnel - Breaches of Coronavirus Regulations

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 1

I would like data, please, on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have been permanently dismissed from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc).

Answer

There have been no staff or officers dismissed for breach of Coronavirus regulations.

Request 2

I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have been temporarily suspended from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc).

Answer

There have been no staff or officers suspended from duty for breach of Coronavirus regulations.

Request 3

I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have received written warnings from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc).

Answer

No staff or officers have received a written warning for breach of Coronavirus regulations.

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.