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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-02074

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** Failure to Investigate

### 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

How many cases of “failure to investigate” have the Professional Standards Department of the PSNI dealt from April 2018 until the present day?

#### Answer

Since April 2018 Professional Standards have dealt with 186 cases of failure to investigate. This refers not only to cases where PSD have conducted a full investigation, but also includes files received from the Police Ombudsman for PSD to oversee administration of sanction and files where initial enquiries have revealed that no investigation was required.

#### Request 2

Of the cases above how many were dealt with by way of a misconduct meeting?

#### Answer

Of the above cases, 23 were dealt with by way of Misconduct Meeting.

#### Request 3

Of the above cases how many were dealt with by way of a misconduct hearing?

#### Answer

None of the above cases were dealt with by way of Misconduct Hearing.

#### Request 4

Did the cases dealt with by way of misconduct hearing have other aggravating factors present such as integrity issues?

#### Answer

Not applicable as none of the above cases were dealt with by way of Misconduct Hearing.

**Please note: the responses to Request 2 and 3 do not account for ongoing matters which may**

***yet proceed to misconduct hearing or meeting.***

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.

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