



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F2022-02144

**Keyword:** Organisational Information HR Employment and Other

**Subject:** Police Officer Recruitment 2023

### 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. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Do you currently anticipate a recruitment drive for student police officers in 2023?

#### Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not currently anticipate launching a Student Officer recruitment campaign in 2023.

#### Request 1A

If so when will this decision be made?

#### Answer

Not applicable. Please see the response to Request 1

#### Request 1B

When will this campaign be advertised?

#### Answer

Not applicable. Please see the response to Request 1.

#### Request 2

Is there a maximum amount of time you can have between recruitment drives?

#### Answer

No. The timing of our recruitment campaigns is based on a range of factors including our workforce resourcing plan, the number of candidates remaining in the recruitment pipeline and budgetary considerations.

#### Request 3

What is the current longest time you have had between recruitment drives since the PSNI was formed?

**Answer**

The longest gap between Student Officer campaigns has been 3 years 9 months (January 2010 to September 2013).

**Request 4**

Has the gap in PSNI budget for recruitment been corrected?

**Answer**

The Police Service of Northern Ireland continues to face significant budgetary pressures impacting the number and timing of Student Officer appointments.

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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at [www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/](http://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/)

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 their discretion.

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