



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02179

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Health of Officers and Staff

Subject: Sexually Assaulted while Working

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

How many Police Officers have been sexually assaulted while at work in the past five years? (Official records or complaints made)

Answer

In the past five years 19 Police Officers have alleged Sexual Assault whilst at work.

Request 2

Those Police Officers who have been sexually assaulted at work in the past five years - how many by members of the public, not by colleagues?

Answer

In the past five years allegations of Sexual Assault were made against 15 members of the public.

Request 3

How many arrests have been made in relation to Police Officers being sexually assaulted by members of the public while working in the past five years?

Answer

In the past five years 15 members of the public were arrested on suspicion of Sexual Assault.

Request 4

How many Officers, that have been sexually assaulted, in the past five years at work have been men and how many have been women?

Answer

In the past five years 10 men and 9 women have alleged Sexual Assault.

Please note: all answers include occurrences of Attempted Sexual Assault.

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.

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