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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-02230

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** PSNI Service Medal

### 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

I'd like to request information as to when the Police Service of Northern Medal will be awarded to officers?

I have read the document submitted to parliament authorising the issue of the medal and approval by the Royal mint.

My request is specifically to ascertain when police officers who are eligible to receive the medal will do so.

#### Answer

A large number of PSNI Officers and PSNI Staff became eligible on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 (Day 1). This has created a significant logistical challenge in distributing medals and medallions on such a large scale and a working group has been set up to plan for this.

The medals and medallions have been ordered from the Supplier in order of seniority i.e. by Service Number. The Officers and staff who did not attain eligibility on Day 1 will be sequenced in chronological order i.e. those to become eligible earlier will have their medal/medallion ordered and distributed earlier in the process.

Depending on the capacity of the Supplier, under current Covid 19 restrictions, medals and medallions will be ordered simultaneously in batches of 190 (Police Officers) and 60 (Police Staff). The first batches are not expected before early February 2021 and on delivery of the first batch, the items will be distributed to local level.

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.