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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02421

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Police Officer Misconduct (2021)

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

How many police officers are currently scheduled to have a misconduct hearing at any time in 2021?

Please provide rank and which of the standards professional behaviour it is alleged that they have breached.

Answer

A total of 10 officers are currently scheduled for a misconduct hearing in 2021.

The ranks include;

Inspector

Sergeant

Constable

Police Officer Part Time

The following articles of the Code of Ethics are alleged to have been breached:

Article 1 Professional Duty

Article 2 Police Investigations

Article 6 Equality

Article 7 Integrity

Article 8 Property

Please note that in some cases officers may be alleged to have breached more than one article of the Code of Ethics. In some cases charges have yet to be finalised so it is not possible to state which article of the Code of Ethics they have breached.

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.