



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-02433

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** PSNI Officer and Staff reported for Rape

### 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 (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

How many police officers and staff in your force have been reported for rape from January 2018 to September 2021?

#### Answer

For the period January 2018 to September 2021 a total of 11 PSNI Officers have been reported for alleged rape.

In the same period there have been no PSNI Staff reported for alleged rape and therefore Request Numbers 2 -4 are not applicable.

#### Requests 2 - 4

**\*\*As above PSNI is answering your request for information in regard to numbers of Police Officers for the time period specified in your request. It should however be noted in conjunction with the responses provided below in requests 2-4, that investigations may still be ongoing into reports of alleged rape, therefore misconduct sanctions and/or criminal convictions may yet result from those cases. PSNI cannot provide details in individual cases where there is a risk of identification.**

#### Request 2

How many of these reports resulted in any sort of professional disciplinary action of an officer or staff member?

#### Answer

None have resulted in a disciplinary action of a PSNI Officer\*\*

#### Request 3

How many of these reports resulted in a conviction of an officer or staff member?

**Answer**

None have resulted in the conviction of a police officer\*\*

**Request 4**

How many of these reported officers were removed from their job?

**Answer**

None have resulted in the dismissal of a police officer\*\*

The Police Service expects all officers and staff to behave ethically and with the utmost integrity at all times both on and off duty. Any officer who fails to abide by the high standards of behaviour expected of all officers as laid out in our Code of Ethics can expect to be rigorously investigated. Officers who fall short of this can expect to be subject to internal misconduct proceedings as is normal procedure following the conclusion of criminal proceedings.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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