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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-02586

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Remote Working for PSD staff

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 the information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

From March 2020 until September 2021, please could you advise:

Request 1

How many police officers and members of staff were attached to PSNI Professional Standards Discipline Branch?

Answer

During the period March 2020 to September 2021 a total of 18 police officers and a total of 19 police support staff were attached to PSNI Professional Standards Discipline Branch.

Request 2

Of these, how many worked remotely at any stage during the period March 2020 to September 2021?

By working remotely, I mean away from their normal place of work, including working from home.

Answer

Of the total provided above, a total of 16 police officers and a total of 17 police support staff attached to PSNI Professional Standards Discipline Branch worked remotely at some stage during the requested time period.

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 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/

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.