



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02423

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Recruitment and Promotion

Subject: PSNI Fitness Test

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

Please consider this a freedom of information request. My request relates to the fitness test that candidates undertake during the PSNI recruitment process.

How many candidates undertook the fitness test from the 1st of January 2022 to the current date?

Answer

Between 1st January 2022 and 28th September 2022 23 candidates undertook the initial Physical Competence Assessment (PCA), and 28 candidates undertook a PCA Retest.

Request 2

How many candidates passed the fitness test from the 1st of January 2022 to the current date?

Answer

Of the 23 candidates who undertook the initial PCA during this timeframe, 18 candidates passed. Of the 28 candidates who undertook a PCA Retest during this timeframe, 22 candidates passed.

Request 3

How many candidates failed the fitness test from the 1st of January 2022 to the current date?

Answer

Of the 23 candidates who undertook the initial PCA during this timeframe, 5 failed and were therefore required to undertake a PCA Retest. Of the 28 candidates who undertook a PCA Retest during this timeframe, 6 failed.

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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