



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02523

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Recruitment and Promotion

Subject: Student Officer Merit List

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

How many student officers are due to commence training in the October intake?

Answer

It is anticipated that 51 Student Officers will commence the Student Officer Development Programme in October 2022.

Request 2

How many candidates will be remaining in the merit pool?

Answer

179 candidates will remain on the 2020 Student Officer Campaign merit list following the October 2022 course. There are also a total of 1061 candidates remaining on the 2021 Student Officer Campaign merit list.

Request 3

How many candidates are still progressing through the final stages before being considered appointable?

Answer

50 candidates on the 2020 Student Officer Campaign merit list are still progressing through the PSNI managed stages, and are therefore not yet considered appointable. The 1061 candidates on the 2021 Student Officer Campaign merit list have not yet commenced the PSNI managed stages.

Request 4

How many candidates in total have withdrawn or not completed all PSNI managed stages?

Answer

327 candidates who applied to the 2020 Student Officer Campaign have withdrawn, or did not successfully complete all of the PSNI managed stages. 1 candidate who applied to the 2021 Student

Officer Campaign has withdrawn.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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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