



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2022-02801

**Keyword:** Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

**Subject:** Police Officers and Police Staff Who Have Failed Drugs Tests

### 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

I would like to request the following information for Police Service of Northern Ireland, since 2018:

The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have failed drug tests.

Please can I receive the information in an electronic format, if possible, in an excel spreadsheet.

#### Answer

A total of 14 police officers and staff have failed drugs tests since 2018.

#### Request 2

The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have tested positive for androgenic-anabolic steroids (AAS) including designer steroids, prohormones and designer prohormones. Such as, but not limited to, the ones listed below:

[Name of steroid (Brand names)]

- Boldenone undecylenate (Equipoise)
- Fluoxymesterone (Halotestin)
- Mesterolone (Proviron)
- Methandienone (Dianabol)
- Methenolone enanthate (Primobolan)
- Methyltestosterone (Virilon)
- Mibolerone (Cheque)
- Nandrolone decanoate (Deca Durabolin)
- Nandrolone phenpropionate (Durabolin)
- Oxandrolone (Anavar, Oxandrin)
- Oxymetholone (Anadrol)
- Stanozolol (Winstrol)
- Testosterone cypionate (Depotest)

- Testosterone enanthate (Andro-Estro)
- Testosterone propionate (Testex)
- Trenbolone acetate (Finajet)

**Answer**

One individual tested positive for anabolic steroids.

**Request 3**

The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have been discharged from duty due to a failed drug test.

**Answer**

One individual has been dismissed as the result of a failed drugs test. Please note; some officer/staff who have tested positive for drugs maybe have resigned prior to conclusion of the misconduct process, and may be still subject to misconduct proceedings.

**Request 4**

The number of Police Officers and Police Staff who have been discharged from duty due to testing positive for AAS.

**Answer**

None of the individuals has been dismissed due to testing positive for anabolic steroids.

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