



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2022-02876

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Recruitment and Promotion

Subject: Temporary Sergeant Promotions

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request number 10 for Ards & North Down District, Lisburn & Castlereagh and Newry, Mourne & Down District.

Clarification sought

Do the below questions refer to District Policing Officers only or all PSNI Officers?

6. How many temporary Sgts are currently in a position outside of their permanent district?
7. How many Derry City and Strabane officers are currently working in a different district?
8. How many PSNI officers are working in different districts than their permanent role?

Clarification Received

"I am happy that it just refers to district officers only"

Request 1

I would appreciate answers to the following questions please, How many fully qualified Sergeants remain on the current Sgts list?

Answer

There are 107 qualified Sergeants on the current list.

Request 2

How many officers on that list are not in a temporary Sgts position?

Answer

21 officers from the list are currently not in a temporary Sergeant role.

Request 3

How many officers in the PSNI are in a temporary Sgts position?

Answer

As at 9 November 2022 there are 207 temporary Sergeants in the PSNI.

Request 4

How many of those officers in temporary Sgts positions only hold part 1 of the process (exam)?

Answer

There is 65 Officers currently in temporary Sergeant position that had been successful only in part 1 of the promotion process.

Request 5

How many of those officers in temporary Sgts positions hold neither part of the last Sgts process?

Answer

There is 56 Officers currently in temporary Sergeant position that were not successful in either part of promotion process.

Please note in relation to requests 4 & 5; Parts 1 and 2 are no longer 'held' by candidates as they are not valid for the exam/interview in any following years, therefore for request 4 this is officers successful in part 1 but not part 2 and for request 5 this is officers who were not successful in either part.

Request 6

How many temporary Sgts are currently in a position outside of their permanent district?

Answer

There is 28 temporary Sergeants in a position outside of their permanent district.

Request 7

How many Derry City and Strabane officers are currently working in a different district?

Answer

There are 2 officers from Derry City and Strabane District who are currently working in a different district.

Request 8

How many PSNI officers are working in different districts than their permanent role?

Answer

There are 27 PSNI officers who are working in different districts than their permanent role.

Request 9

Since January 2020 how many times have Derry City and Strabane prevented an officer from leaving the district on promotion / temporary promotion?

Answer

Derry City and Strabane District has never prevented an officer from leaving on promotion/ temporary promotion.

Request 11

How many permanent Sgt's positions are available in the PSNI but are only currently filled with a temporary Sergeant.

Answer

As at 9 November 2022 there is 84 permanent Sergeant's positions available in the PSNI, which are currently filled with a temporary Sergeant.

Request 10

Since January 2020 how many times have any district prevented an officer from leaving their district on promotion / temporary promotion.

Answer

Please see table below in regards to request 10.

District	Answer
Belfast City	NIL
Lisburn & Castlereagh	NO INFORMATION HELD
Ards & North Down	NO INFORMATION HELD
Newry Mourne & Down	NO INFORMATION HELD
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	NIL
Mid Ulster	NIL
Fermanagh & Omagh	NIL
Derry City & Strabane	NIL
Causeway Coast & Glens	NIL
Mid & East Antrim	NIL
Antrim & Newtownabbey	NIL

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