

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02943

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

Subject: Police Pension

Request and Answer:

Request

During the last calendar years (2019-2021 and January 1st 2022 and 14th November 2022

A. How many times have applications been made to the home office by PSA's (Pension Supervising Authority) for the forfeiture of part of the pension of a police officer, or former police officer who is, or was, a member of a police pension scheme? on behalf of the force who had:

- a) been convicted of a criminal offense committed in connection with their service as a member of a police force, and
- b) the offense has been certified by the Secretary of State as either
- i. liable to lead to a serious loss of confidence in the public service; or
- ii. gravely injurious to the interests of the State.
- B. How many applications were approved
- C. How many applications were rejected

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I want to know how many times the force has sought to take part of a police officer's pension following a criminal conviction. How many times they have sought to do it and how many times were they successful.

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 not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

The Northern Ireland Policing Board are The Pension Supervising Authority not PSNI. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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/).

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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