



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00626

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

Subject: Suspended Staff

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

Can the PSNI indicate how many staff it has in total?

Answer

There are 6770 police officers within the PSNI and 2658 police staff.

Request 2

How many staff (all of kinds) are currently suspended?

Answer

8 police staff members are currently suspended. There are currently 52 police officers suspended from duty.

Request 3

Can numbers be broken into different categories to show reasons for why they are suspended?

Answer

36 precautionary suspensions as a result of ongoing criminal investigations.

1 suspended as a result of criminal conviction.

1 precautionary suspension due to alleged breach of GDPR.

13 ongoing gross misconduct investigation.

Request 4

Can the PSNI provide how much it has cost the PSNI in 2022 to pay Police Officers and Staff who are were suspended in 2022 only?

Answer

The cost of police staff who were suspended during 2022, up until 31st January 2023 is £77,426.

The cost of police officers who were suspended during 2022, up until 31st December 2022 is

£2,605,280.

Please note both of these figures include Employers National Insurance and Pension Costs.

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.

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

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