



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01531

Keyword: Organisational Information HR Employment and Other

Subject: Numbers of Police Officers and Staff as 30 April 23

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

I am looking for information on the numbers of police officers by rank and gender as at 30 April 2023 and the same for numbers of police staff by rank/grade and gender.

Answer

Please see tables below:-

Police Officer – Strength as at 30 April 2023			
Rank	Male	Female	Total
Chief Constable	1		1
Deputy Chief Const.	1		1
Assist. Chief Const.	4		4
Chief Superintendent	17	3	20
Superintendent	34	18	52
Chief Inspector	65	31	96
Inspector	251	111	362
Sergeant	734	321	1055
Constable	3464	1631	5095
Student Officer	32	16	48
Grand Total	4603	2131	6734

Police Staff – Strength as at 30 April 2023			
Grade	Male	Female	Total
Permanent Secretary		1	1
Grade 3	1	2	3
Grade 5	3	2	5
Grade 6	16	3	19
Grade 7	28	28	56

Deputy Principal	72	56	128
Staff Officer	121	136	257
Executive Officer 1	234	160	394
Executive Officer 2	210	318	528
Administrative Officer	365	680	1045
Assistant Administrative Officer	25	118	143
Industrial	57	2	59
Grand Total	1132	1506	2638

The Full-Time Equivalent numbers as at 1 May 2023 are available on the PSNI website

www.psnipoliceuk/our-publication-scheme/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/strength-police-service-statistics

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@psnipoliceuk.

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.