



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00302

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

Subject: Officers and Staff Reported for Domestic Abuse

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.

Clarification to Requester:

Can the requester clarify if this should include matters investigated by PONI (Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland), as well as PSD (Professional Standard Department)?

Clarification from Requester:

Yes please include both.

Request 1

How many police officers and staff in your force have been reported for domestic abuse from October 2021 to the end of December 2022?

Answer

A total of 34 police officers and member of police staff have been reported for domestic abuse from October 2021 to the end of December 2022.

Request 2

How many of these reports resulted in any sort of professional disciplinary action of an officer or staff member?

Answer

One report resulted in disciplinary action.

Request 3

How many of these reports resulted in a criminal conviction of an officer or staff member?

Answer

None.

Request 4

How many of these reported officers/staff were removed from their job?

Clarification to Requester:

By removed from their job, do you mean suspended/repositioned, or dismissed from service?

Clarification from Requester:

Dismissed from the service

Answer

No officers/staff were removed from their job.

Request 5

How many of these reported officers/staff members are still part of your force?

Answer

28 of these reported police officers/members of staff are still serving.

Please note: Where investigations are still ongoing, criminal convictions and misconduct sanctions may yet result from the above figures given in answer one.

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.