



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2023-01628

**Keyword:** Organisational Information HR Employment and Other

**Subject:** Chief Constable and Notifiable Organisations

### 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

In regards to FOI-2021-02612 detailed below, please confirm if Chief Constable Simon Byrne is a member of any of listed below or any other 'groups' which are similar. If so what are the names of these groups.

FOI-2021-02612:

*[Request: Please provide me with a breakdown of all present PSNI officers who are in 'notifiable organisations' (e.g. Orange Order, Ancient Order of Hibernians etc.), broken down by their rank/position in the PSNI.]*

*[Answer: Please see below all current PSNI officers who are recorded in 'notifiable organisations', broken down by their rank in the PSNI:]*

- *'Ancient Order of Hibernians' = 1 Sergeant*
- *'Apprentice Boys of Derry' = 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 19 Constables and 1 Police Officer Part Time (POPT)*
- *'Freemasons' = 1 Chief Superintendent, 4 Chief Inspectors, 11 Inspectors, 22 Sergeants, 107 Constables and 11 POPT*
- *'Independent Orange Order' = 1 Sergeant, 4 Constables and 1 POPT*
- *'Knights of St Columbanus' = 1 Inspector*
- *'Loyal Orange Institution' = 1 Superintendent, 2 Chief Inspectors, 17 Sergeants, 64 Constables and 11 POPT*
- *'Royal Black' = 11 Sergeants, 27 Constables and 6 POPT*
- *'Organisation Not Specified' = 1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 47 Constables]*

### Answer

The Chief Constable Simon Byrne has not declared membership of any notifiable organisation.

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](mailto: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 @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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