



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01636

**Keyword:** Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

**Subject:** Sexual Misconduct of Officers/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

Could I just get reports received by PSNI as advised?

(Refinement from previous request, FOI-2023-01222, see below)

#### Request 1

How many police officers and staff in your force have been reported for 'abuse of position for sexual gain' from January 2018 to the end of December 2022?

#### Answer

A total of 4 officers have been reported for alleged abuse of position for sexual gain. No police staff have been reported for alleged abuse of position for sexual gain.

#### Request 2

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

#### Answer

None of these officers have been subject to discipline.

#### Request 3

How many of these reported officers/staff were removed from their job for 'abuse of position for sexual gain'?

#### Clarification to Requester:

In relation to 'removed from their job', do you mean how many officers were suspended/repositioned as a result of the allegation, or how many were dismissed from the PSNI?

#### Clarification from Requester:

How many were dismissed.

**Answer**

None of these officers have been dismissed from the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

**Request 4**

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

**Answer**

Three of these officers are still members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

**Request 5**

Please provide a breakdown of the positions of these officers/staff members who have been reported, i.e. how many sergeants, how many constables, etc.

**Answer**

All 4 officers were of the rank of Constable.

**Please note:** where investigations are ongoing, discipline sanctions and/or dismissals may yet result from the investigation.

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.