



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-02085

Keyword: Organisational Information Finances

Subject: Financial Investigator Career Progression

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

What is the PSNI's position on career progression for civilian financial investigators as other UK police forces and law enforcement have in place?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not currently have any plans to expand the Financial Investigator structure.

Request 2

Law Enforcement and other UK police forces have the civilian financial investigator as a specialist post and therefore remuneration is greater than what a CFI gets paid in the PSNI, has the PSNI any plans to do the same.

Answer

Financial Investigators in the Police Service of Northern Ireland are currently employed at the Civil Service management grade of Staff Officer which reflects the specialist nature and importance of the role and is broadly in line with national levels in policing. The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not currently have any plans to increase the grade or provide additional remuneration for Financial Investigators.

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.