

Date: 3 November 2021

Our Reference: FOIA-2021-127

RE: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FoIA 2000') request, dated 28/10/2021, in which you requested:

"I am trying to establish the pass rate for officers sitting the police promotion examinations for the past five years, for both constable to sergeant, and sergeant to inspector. If you have these broken down in gender and length of service that would be useful, but if not, the national rates will suffice."

Decision

When a request for information is made under FoIA 2000, a public authority has a general duty under section 1(1) of the Act to inform an applicant whether the requested information is held. There is then a general obligation to communicate that information to the applicant.

In line with section 1(1) of the FoIA, I can confirm the College **holds information** relevant to your request.

The overall pass rates for officers sitting both the sergeant and inspector exams, and a break down by gender and length of service between 2015 – 2020 has already been published in response to a previous Freedom of Information Act request. The response letter, including the data, can be found [here](#).

For 2021, the overall pass rates for officers sitting the sergeants exam and a break down by gender was published in the NPPF Sergeants' Step Two Legal Examination 2021 – Results and Analysis Overview. This can be found [here](#).

For 2021, the overall pass rates for officers sitting the inspectors exam and a break down by gender was published in the NPPF Step 2 Legal Examination Inspectors' 2021 Results and analysis overview. This can be found [here](#).

Data on length of service was not collected during 2021 and consequently, we do not hold this data.

Your rights can be found at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Kaufman | Legal Advisor
Information Management and Legal Team
College of Policing
Email: FOI@college.pnn.police.uk
Website: www.college.police.uk

Your right of review

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have a right to request an internal review if you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request. Review requests should be made in writing (by email or post) within 40 working days from the date of our original response. We will aim to respond to your review request within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If, after lodging a review request you are still dissatisfied, you may raise the matter with the ICO. For further information you can visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>. Alternatively, you can contact them by phone or write to them at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113