

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-01066

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Recruitment Campaigns 2 and 3

Request and Answer:

Question 1(a)

1. (a) Has Campaign 2 been exhausted and officially closed or are there some candidates from this campaign that you are still to offer a start date to before beginning with C3 candidates?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I 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.

(a) Campaign 2 is not yet closed. Appointments will merge with those from Campaign 3.

Question 1(b)

Has anyone from C3 been given a start date or induction date yet?

Answer

(b) No

Question 2

Can you provide any updates or information regarding the review that is taking place in connection with the cheating scandal? Estimated time of completion, any outcomes or decisions so far, consequences for C3 candidates etc?

Answer

The PSNI still expects to make the original number of appointments from C3, with appointments commencing towards the end of this calendar year or early next – yet to be confirmed.

Question 3

If all 5 stages have been passed and the candidate has a score of 75% and higher, how high of a possibility is there for a job offer?

Answer

As per response to Q3, the PSNI still expects to make the original number of appointments, with those from the top of the list (and passing all stages) being appointed first.

Question 4

With regard to the current delay that's occurring, would candidates potentially have to redo any stages due to the validity running out after 6 months? The earliest to run out of validity would be fitness and it would be December, would the delay potentially last that long?

Answer

The 'currency' aspect will depend on when appointments commence, and we do not have the information at present to answer this question.

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