



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number: 6/2022**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **Request:**

I am writing to request the following information regarding the make up of Mid Ulster PCSP independent membership, under the freedom of information act 2000. Please can you send your response back electronically to this email address?

**Q 1)** From the 9 current appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Unionist?

**Q 2)** From the 9 current appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Nationalist or Republican?

**Q 3)** From the 9 current appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Protestant?

**Q 4)** From the 9 current appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Roman Catholic?

**Q 5)** From the 4 Males currently appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Nationalist or Republican?

**Q 6)** From the 5 Females currently appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Nationalist or Republican?

**Q 7)** From the 4 Males currently appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Unionist or Loyalist?

**Q 8)** From the 5 Females currently appointed Independent members for the period 2020 – 2024 how many of those appointed identify as Unionist or Loyalist?

## Answer

The Northern Ireland Policing Board do not hold the information as requested in questions 1-2 and 5-8.

In respect of questions 3 and 4, this information is deemed to be Personal Data, and this personal information is exempt from disclosure to you under section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA.

Section 40(2) allows a public authority, in this case the Northern Ireland Policing Board, to withhold information from a response to a request for information under the FOIA when the information requested is personal information relating to someone other than the requester and its disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles.

The first data protection principle requires personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully.

This personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

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Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: [foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114  
Email: - [ni@ico.org.uk](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

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