



## News Release

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### **PPS PUBLISHES DETAILS OF PAYMENT MADE TO EXTERNAL COUNSEL 2015-16**

The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) today published details of the £4.176M payments it made to external counsel during the financial year 2015-16.

The counsel fees expense incurred by the Public Prosecution Service for 2015-16 was £4.777M but actual payments related to current and prior year.

#### **Notes to Editors**

Details paid to counsel are set out in the attached table.

Panel members are selected by means of a procurement exercise conducted September 2015. Successful applicants demonstrated the necessary breadth of skills and professional competence to prosecute on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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## Public Prosecution Services for Northern Ireland: Counsel Fees 2015-16

### External Counsel: Fee payments during 2015-16

Payment Band	Number of Counsel*
£25k and under	38
£25k - £50k	14
£50k - £75k	10
£75k - £100k	10
£100k - £125k	3
£125k - £150k	2
£150k - £175k	4
£175k - £200k	2
£200k - £225k	0
£225k - £250k	1

\*Includes non-panel counsel