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Mr J Luke  
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Dear Mr Luke

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST-JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2019 asking “who is the youngest JP in the country, how many people are in “a small group of the country’s youngest JPs.” Also, what is the age range of that group.”

For the purposes of your request I am including only JPs aged 30 or younger.

The youngest Justice of the Peace, only recently appointed, is 22. I do not propose to provide their name to protect their privacy pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act. I do not consider that the withholding of that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

There are nine JPs in that group and their ages range between 22 and 30.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely



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