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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04350

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: ANTI -SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - KNOCKBREDA PARK/ORMEAU ROAD

Request:

Anti-social behaviour by large numbers of teenagers at the entry, which runs between Knockbreda Park and Ormeau Road.

Question 1 - What action has been taken against any of the youths involved?

Question 2 - The number of foot patrols on the Lisburn Road compared to the Ormeau Road, as this appears to be very disproportionate.

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Answer 1

Since a Direction and Control complaint on September 12, 2008 records show the following specific actions against youths in the area specified;

16/9/08 - Meeting with NHW - BCC re cleaning of entry and contacting Mr Young re NHW scheme.

17/9/08 - Youths were moving off upon arrival of police, no alcohol present.

19/9/08 - NPT checked alleyway no youths present.

21/9/08 - Report re youths in alleyway, police response resulted in recovery of 1 bottle of cider a 2 youths reported to YDO.

25/9/08 - NPT check no youths present, report of drug use by member of the public.

In addition, since April 2008, 38 calls re nuisance/rowdy behaviour and youth's drinking/taking drugs have been received from residents of Knockbreda Park. The outcome of the calls is as follows:

Gone on arrival - 17

Youths spoken to and moved on - 13

Reported to YDO re alcohol consumption - 3

Police no longer required - 1

Ran off when police arrived - 3

Youths waiting for a lift - 1

For your information, since the problem was highlighted to police at a local Community and Police Liaison Committee meeting in June 2008, directions were given to neighbourhood police to pay dedicated attention to the area in an effort to resolve the problem. This area, amongst others were briefed to the neighbourhood team on a regular basis for their attention during their patrols.

Answer 2

Although beats and patrols are carried out in the area by both Neighbourhood and Response Officers, a search of records has failed to locate any information regarding the number of foot patrols carried out on the Lisburn Road or the Ormeau Road.

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