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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-05409

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: CARDBOARD MOCK-UPS OF POLICE OFFICERS/PCSO's

Request:

Please can you say, for each of the last three years, whether you have:

a) used cardboard mock-ups of i) police officers ii) PCSOs

b) if so, what was the exact location of the cardboard officer and how long was it stationed there?

c) what was the exact purpose for using the cardboard cutout? (please be as specific as possible) Were there any real officers/PCSOs patrolling that area?

d) how much has the force spent on cardboard mock-ups of i) police officers ii) PCSOs?

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.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland has not used cardboard mock-ups of Police Officers or Police Community Support Officers, (PCSOs).

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the

option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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