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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03786

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: EXPLOSIVES RESEARCH UNIT

Request:

- 1) Confirmation that ERU stands for Explosives Research Unit.
- 2) Confirmation that ERU is staffed by PSNI Officers or associated staff.
- 3) The relationship between ERU and the rest of the laboratory as FSNI.
- 4) Whether or not ERU has sought or received UKAS accreditation.
- 5) Confirmation as to where precisely ERU stores its physical exhibits and case work files.

Answer:

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. ERU is not an abbreviation used in the PSNI.

I note that you had a previous request regarding Weapons Explosives Research Centre (WERC). F-2007-821 refers. If you wish the above questions to apply to WERC please submit a new request.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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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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