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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03539

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: DUE DILIGENCE OFFICERS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many of your officers have the full time role as a due diligence officer responsible for investigating stolen art and antiquities and liaising with other forces?

Question 2

How many of your officers have this role but carry it out on a part time basis sharing it with other responsibilities?

Question 3

How many full time due diligence officers you have had in each of the last five years?

Question 4

How many part time due diligence officers you have had in each of the last five years?

Question 5

Any records you have showing the activities of your due diligence officer(s) in terms of the number of requests for assistance or investigation from civilian individuals or groups or law enforcement agencies?

Question 6

What happened to these requests: the number referred to other forces for investigation; number dropped for whatever reason; the number which led to a warning; the number which resulted in the seizure or return of items; the number of cases taken to the CPS for prosecution, number taken to court, number convicted. If possible I would like this information for each of the last five years?

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. Accordingly, I have determined that the PSNI does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Due diligence officers responsible solely for investigating stolen art and antiques are no longer in existence within police services/forces. Stolen art and antiques is dealt with by all investigators on a case by case basis.

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