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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00746

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: POLICE RESPONSE TO CALLS IN BEXLEY PARKS, BANGOR

Request and 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.

During the period 1 January 2007 to date:

Question 1

The number of times police attended calls in Bexley Parks, Bangor as a result of telephone calls or other reports of children or youths playing football in the street.

Answer

22

Question 2

The number of times police were required to take further action as a result of attending the calls at 1) above

Answer

None

Question 3

The nature of any further action taken as a result of attending the calls at 1) above

Answer

None

Question 4

The number of times police attended calls in Bexley Parks, Bangor as a result of telephone calls or other reports of anti-social behaviour by children or youths

Answer

40

Question 5

The nature of the anti-social behaviour reported at 4) above

Answer

Football, Children Running, Verbal Abuse

Question 6

The number of times police were required to take further action as a result of attending the calls at 4) above

Answer

None

Question 7

The nature of any further action taken as a result of attending the calls at 4) above.

Answer

None

In an effort to reduce Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and the public's perception of ASB, North Down Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) have adopted a robust strategy in dealing with this issue.

Each NPT officer has a designated and specific beat area of responsibility. Officers perform hi-visibility intelligence led patrols in these areas on a daily basis, occasionally in vehicles, but more often on foot or bike. They work closely with community representatives and forums as well as statutory agencies such as the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and North Down Borough Council's ASB Officer to ensure all incidents of ASB are proactively dealt with.

With regards to the Bexley Area, Constable Lynch is the NPT officer, supported by his Police Officer Part Time colleague Constable McMillan; he regularly performs hi-visibility patrols in this area. Constable Lynch has regular and ongoing contact with residents. Constable Lynch has assured the residents that should any criminal offences be detected they will be thoroughly and expeditiously investigated.

The Area Commander in North Down, Chief Inspector Mark McEwan and his officers remain committed to addressing this issue.

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.

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