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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00666
Keyword: Operational Policing
Subject: POLICING ISSUES IN WHITEHEAD (Cont)

Request and Answer:

Further questions on anti social behaviour in Whitehead and Greenisland (F-2008-05479 refers)

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.

Question 1

I would like to know then, of the 37 incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in this period reported to the Police, how many were reported in the timescale of 2300 - 0600hrs?

Answer

From 22 November 2008 to 13 December 2008 there have been 37 incidents of anti social behaviour within Whitehead area. Of these only 21 were in the timescale (between 1800 – 2300 hrs) and 6 were in the timescale (between 0300 – 0600 hrs).

Question 2

In terms of the number of incidents, how many occurred of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage on Saturday 22nd November to Saturday 13th inclusive in the Greenisland sector for comparative purposes.

Answer

From 22 November 2008 to 13 December 2008 there have been 22 incidents of anti social behaviour within Greenisland area. Of these only 9 were in the timescale (between 1800 – 2300 hrs) and 7 were in the timescale (between 2300 – 0600 hrs).

Question 3

If I could be provided with the most recent statistics for anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in both Whitehead and Greenisland, in the period of Saturday 17th January to Saturday 14th February this would also be much appreciated. If it is possible to split the details up into the timescales of 1800-2300 hrs and 2300 - 0600 hrs this would be appreciated.

Answer

From 17 January 2009 to 14 February 2009 there have been 39 incidents of anti social behaviour within Whitehead area. Of these only 22 were in the timescale (between 1800 – 2300 hrs) and 5 were in the timescale (between 2300 – 0600 hrs).

From 17 January 2009 to 14 February 2009 there have been 37 incidents of anti social behaviour within Greenisland area. Of these only 14 were in the timescale (between 1800 – 2300 hrs) and 10 were in the timescale (between 2300 – 0600 hrs). Please see below.

Question 4

Further to this, would it be possible to know if there are any plans to increase police numbers on Friday and Saturday nights in Whitehead due to the seemingly high number of anti-social behaviour reports.

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 Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

There are no plans to increase police numbers at present. Carrickfergus has its allocated number of resources, which are detailed in line with the priorities at the time. There are ongoing operations to tackle antisocial behaviour in Whitehead and Neighbourhood Policing Team officers are dedicated to the area.

Question 5

What percentage of Whitehead neighbourhood officer's time is actually spent in Whitehead?

Answer

The actual percentage of NPT officer's time spent in Whitehead is not recorded and therefore not available. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 letter.

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