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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-01441

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** BICYCLES PURCHASED / OWNED BY THE PSNI

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I am seeking to find out how much money the PSNI has spent buying new bicycles in the past (i) year 2008/09 (ii) two years 2007/08 or (iii) three years 2006/07?

#### Answer

- (i) 2008/09 £46,560
- (ii) 2007/08 £80,510
- (iii) 2006/07 £15,520

#### Question 2

How many bicycles have been purchased in the past three years - 08/09, 07/08, 06/07?

#### Answer

- (i) 2008/09 48 bicycles
- (ii) 2007/08 83 bicycles
- (iii) 2006/07 16 bicycles

The bicycles outlined above have been purchased by our Procurement Department and allocated to Districts. In addition, some bicycles have been purchased at local District level. For details of these local purchases please see the attached document below.

#### Question 3

How many bicycles do the PSNI currently own?

#### Answer

234 bicycles (This does not include bicycles purchased at local District level).

#### Question 4

How many bicycles have been allocated to each PSNI station?

#### Answer

Please see attached document below.

#### Question 5

How much money has been spent on biking equipment, i.e. cycling helmets, cycling gear in the last three years - 08/09, 07/08 and 06/07?

**Answer**

- (i) 2008/09 £116,429.07
- (ii) 2007/08 £134,557.30
- (iii) 2006/07 £58,104.65

**Question 6**

How many officers have been trained to use bicycles?

**Answer**

870 Officers have been trained over the last 5 years

**Question 7**

How much money has been spent on training for officers to use bicycles?

**Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to this question. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access. In order to calculate this information it would be necessary to add the hourly rate of pay of each police officer who has attended training and the trainer for each course. This is not routinely completed and public authorities are not required to undertake such a process in response to a request under Freedom of Information as to do so would be to create new information.

**Question 8**

How often are bicycles used by PSNI officers?

In refinement you agreed to amend this question as follows, How often have bicycles been used by PSNI officers in the month preceding the request and for the same period last year, i.e., 25/3/09 to 24/4/09 and 25/3/08 to 24/4/08.

**Answer**

Despite your agreed refinement I have been unable to retrieve information in answer to this question. There is no uniform method of recording use of bicycles across all of the PSNI Districts. One 'Area Command Unit' maintains a logbook for each bicycle. These log books record the occasions when bicycles are deployed but not the time for which each deployment occurred. Another district has provided an estimate based on an officers personal experience but this is not recorded information that can be used to answer a Freedom of Information request. In most Districts the position is that bicycle usage is simply not recorded. I have therefore determined that the PSNI does not hold information relevant to this question.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psni.police.uk/>

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

bicycles currently allocated to each PSNI station?

District	Station	No of Bicycles Purchased Locally	No of Bicycles Allocated to District	Total Bicycles
A	Woodbourne		3	3
	Grosvenor Road		4	4
	Antrim Road		4	4
	York Road		3	3
	Tennent Street		3	3
B	Strandtown		4	4
	Mountpottinger		3	3
	Willowfield		2	2
	Lisburn Road		4	4
	Musgrave Street		6	6
	Ballynafeigh		2	2
	Donegall Pass		4	4
C	Ards		4	4
	Comber		2	2
	Donaghadee		3	3
	Portaferry		2	2
	Castlereagh		7	7
	Dundonald		2	2
	Downpatrick		2	2
	Newcastle		4	4
	Killyleagh		2	2
	Bangor		5	5
	Holywood		3	3
	D	Antrim	6	4
Newtownabbey			4	4
Carrickfergus		5		5
Lisburn		2	13	15
Randlestown			2	2
Crumlin			2	2
Glengormley			2	2
Ballyclare			2	2
E	Tandragee		4	4
	Armagh		2	2
	Keady		2	2
	Banbridge		2	2
	Rathfriland		2	2
	Dromore		2	2
	Portadown		2	2
	Craigavon		2	2
	Lurgan		2	2
	Bessbrook		2	2
	Kilkeel		2	2
	Warranpoint		2	2
	Ardmore		4	4
F	Enniskillen	2	2	4
	Irvinestown		2	2
	Dungannon		4	4
	Cookstown		2	2

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	Omagh		4	4
G	Strabane		9	9
	Limavady		10	10
	Foyle	4	10	14
	Magherafelt		3	3
H	Coleraine		4	4
	Garvagh		1	1
	Moyle		4	4
	Bushmills		2	2
	Cushendall		2	2
	Portrush		4	4
	Ballymoney		2	2
	Ballymena		10	10
	Portglenone		2	2
	Larne		6	6