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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-00692

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** LIMB PROTECTORS

### 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.

#### Question 1

Which company currently supplies or meets your needs for limb protectors when is that contract due for review?

#### Answer

PSNI do not have a contract for the supply of limb protection.

#### Question 2

How many sets of limb protectors does your organisation currently hold / need?

#### Question 3

How many male officers require limb protectors?

#### Question 4

How many female officers require limb protectors?

#### Answer

Our Procurement Department do not collate this information centrally. To retrieve this information would involve an intensive manual search of hundreds of records and would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450. We have also considered whether we can be of any assistance in helping you to refine your request to bring it within the cost limit but unfortunately the nature and structure of this information makes this impossible.

The PSNI are presently in the process of arranging a contract for limb protection (which will include usage by some other UK Police Forces). We expect that tender to be advertised imminently and it will include potential purchase figures for the duration of the contract.

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.