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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-00326

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** PDA/SMARTPHONES

### 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

Does your force use PDAs or smartphones?

#### Answer

PDA's or smartphones are issued to a limited number of officers/staff.

#### Question 2

If so, how many?

#### Answer

Less than 200

#### Question 3

Is your force involved in the NPIA/Home Office Mobile Information Project that is looking to supply police officers with smartphones or PDAs and other mobile computing equipment?

#### Answer

The PSNI has not received funding from NPIA/Home Office project referred to, but is considering whether or not it is viable to supply police officers with hand-held devices.

#### Question 4

Who is the best person to speak to about this project?

#### Answer

Head of Information and Communication Services, Operational Support Department, PSNI.

#### Question 5

What model PDA or smartphone or mobile printer are you going to use?

#### Answer

At the date of reply, no decisions have been taken on specific devices.

**Question 6**

How many are going to be used?

**Answer**

At the date of reply, no decisions have been taken on the number of devices.

**Question 7**

Have the devices got cases?

**Answer**

Not applicable

**Question 8**

Who is supplying the cases?

**Answer**

Not Applicable

**Question 9**

What stage of the project is your force at?

**Answer**

The project is still at the project initiation stage, determining scope, options, financial viability, and benefits during the preparation of a strategic outline business case.

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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