



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01082

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI STATIONS

Request and Answer:

Please can you state for your police force area as at the 1st March in each of the last four years (including 2009):

Question 1

How many police stations your force has?

Question 2

How many have been (i) opened and (ii) closed in the previous twelve months?

Question 3

How many of your stations are open 24 hours a day?

Answer

Please refer to the attached document.

Following a complete impact assessment of a potential closure, and the implementation of community consultation process which includes the local District Policing Partnership, a decision may be taken to close a specific police station on the basis that it no longer contributes effectively to the delivery of local policing plans. Alternative policing methodologies will be implemented in the event of a closure of a facility in order to ensure that no negative impact on community policing arises from the closure. The decision to streamline public expenditure on police establishments whilst still maintaining the effectiveness and efficiency of the PSNI is never taken without extensive research and all variables considered. The overriding priority of the PSNI will always be to provide the whole community with a professional and effective police service, and will always be taken into consideration when having to make the decision in closing any police establishment.

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

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.

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

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	1/3/2006	1/3/2007	1/3/2008	1/3/2009
Nos. of police stations	126	122	121	120
Opened in previous 12 months	0	0	0	0
Closed in previous 12 months	16	4	1	1
How many open 24hrs	58	56	52	46