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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00066

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: WOODBOURNE PSNI STATION

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: What did it cost over the last two financial years to run and maintain Woodbourne PSNI Barracks?

Answer: Estate Services costs 06/07 - £ 191,022 and 07/08 - £ 212,321

Question 2: What are the projected costs to run and maintain Woodbourne PSNI Barracks for this current financial year?

Answer: Projected costs current year, i.e. 08/09 are £ 223,412.81

Question 3: Over the last 2 years how many members of the public have contacted or used Woodbourne PSNI Barracks?

Answer: There is no method of ascertaining how many members of the public have contacted or used Woodbourne Police station during the past 2 years, as this would incorporate persons phoning in with queries, persons signing bail, lost and found and also reporting crimes. No mechanism exists to capture this figure

Question 4: What is the overall size of Woodbourne PSNI Barracks and what services are provided there to the public?

Answer: Overall size – 1.06 hectares site size 2953 sq metres – gross external area of buildings. Woodbourne is an operational station, which has response officers, and Neighbourhood officers attached to it providing a 24 / 7 service to the local community. There are also Station duty officers who greet members of the public and take telephone queries. The station also houses the Youth Diversion officers for the District and civilian typists.

Question 5: What is the future plans for Woodbourne PSNI Station?

Answer: Woodbourne is an operational station, which has response officers, and Neighbourhood officers attached to it providing a 24 / 7 service to the local community. Having officers based at Woodbourne is a key part of our Neighbourhood Policing Strategy - in that West Belfast is divided into two areas, each under the Command of a Chief Inspector. The officers who are based in Woodbourne patrol and respond to calls in that area as opposed to having to travel throughout the whole of West Belfast.

Question 6: Have the PSNI conducted any comparison research with a similar sized city to Belfast (such as Manchester) in regards to police service resources, personnel and running costs on an annual basis? If this research has been carried out I would like to request and copy of the research report.

Answer: Estate Services has not conducted any comparison research with a similar sized city, in relation to estates costs

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