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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02354

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Breathalyser Devices and Trained Operators

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

Whether or not Grosvenor Road police station (Belfast Division) was equipped with a working breathalyser device which is approved by the head of department and used for the purpose of obtaining breath specimens in accordance with Article 18 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 between 5.15am and 6.20am on April 19th 2009?

Answer

Grosvenor Road was equipped with a working breathalyser device between 5.15am and 6.20am on April 19th 2009.

Question 2

Whether or not Strandtown police station (Belfast Division) was equipped with a working breathalyser device which is approved by the head of department and used for the purpose of obtaining breath specimens in accordance with Article 18 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 between 5.15am and 6.20am on April 19th 2009?

Answer

Strandtown was equipped with a working device on the date specified.

Question 3

The number of trained operators present in Grosvenor Road police station between 5.15am and 6.20am on April 19th 2009?

Answer

During this period A District are aware of one trained operator being present in Grosvenor Road station during these times.

Question 4

The number of trained operators present in Strandtown police station between 5.15am and 6.20am on April 19th 2009?

Answer

There were no trained operators present in Strandtown between 5.15am and 6.20am on 19th April 2009.

It should be noted that as the Custody Suite in Strandtown was at full capacity, arrests made after 2.50am on the 19/04/2009 were processed at other custody suites within Belfast.

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