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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02632

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Storage Devices Lost, Stolen or Misplaced

Request and Answer:

I refer to your request for information which was received by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) concerning lost, stolen or misplaced police items.

(Clarification received: The time-scale for the lost/stolen/misplaced items is the last two years. I would be happy to receive details on the number of items lost or stolen that were reported to Professional Standards Department).

The decision has been taken to supply the information you have requested.

Question 1

Can you detail please the instances of (i) laptop, (ii) notebook, (iii) Blackberry, (iv) Ironkey, (v) other storage device (vi) mobile phone being lost, stolen or misplaced.

Answer

Professional Standards Department has no record of instances of (i) laptop, (ii) notebook, (iii) Blackberry, (iv) Ironkey, (v) other storage device (vi) mobile phone being lost, stolen or misplaced and reported to the Department in the last two years (1/09/2008 to 31/08/2010).

Question 2

How often a (i) laptop (ii) notebook (iii) Blackberry or (iv) other data storage device has been (i) lost (ii) stolen (iii) misplaced alongside its IronKey?

Answer

Professional Standards Department has no record of a (i) laptop (ii) notebook (iii) Blackberry or (iv) other data storage device being (i) lost (ii) stolen (iii) misplaced alongside its IronKey in the last two years (1/09/2008 to 31/08/2010).

Question 3

Whether disciplinary action has been taken against any individuals who (i) lost or (ii) misplaced the item and if so please break it down by number of employees disciplined, nature of disciplinary action

and outcome?

Answer

Please see response to questions 1 and 2, therefore no information is held.

Question 4

What type/level of information was contained in the (i) lost (ii) stolen (iii) misplaced items?

Answer

Please see response to questions 1 and 2, therefore no information is held.

This information has been supplied by the Professional Standards Department of the PSNI which has responsibility relating to formal discipline of police officers and relates to cases reported to that Department only.

United Kingdom Police Services do not use generic systems to capture information. For this reason the PSNI's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other Police Service.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Team on 028 9070 0164.

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