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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00834

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Money Received from Sporting Organisations

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

Could you please supply me with the following information:

To give details for the last five full financial years, on the amount of money received from sporting organisations and clubs for policing inside grounds and venues.

Broken down by year, name of club/organisation (e.g. Chelsea, the Lawn Tennis Association), name of ground/venue (e.g. Lords) amount received per day and in total, number of officers involved per day.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing the money received by PSNI from sporting organisations.

Question 2

Please include copies of material which you hold in the form of paper and electronic records in your response.

Answer

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Copy invoices in relation to these costs are provided below pursuant to Section 41(1)(a)(b) – Information provided in confidence.

Section 41 is an absolute class-based exemption which means that the legislators have agreed that there would be harm if the information were released.

This exemption specifically relates to information that has been obtained by the public authority from another person or company. The exemption may be enforced only where an actionable breach of confidence would occur should the information be disclosed. This is where release could result in the provider or third party taking the authority to court.

This exemption requires a Public Interest Test to be conducted on whether the common law duty of confidentiality can be overcome.

Breach of Confidence Test

To determine whether a breach of confidence would occur if the information were to be disclosed, it is necessary to conduct a Breach of Confidence Test.

A breach of confidence will become actionable if:

- The information has the necessary quality of confidence;
- The information was given in circumstances under an obligation of confidence; and
- There was an unauthorised use of the information to the detriment of the confider (the element of detriment is not always necessary)

When the originator imparted this information they did so on the understanding that it would be used for the purpose for which it was supplied namely PSNI financial administration and that it would be treated confidentially.

All requests made under the FOIA are applicant blind. A request must be treated as such and a public authority will always view any disclosure as into the public domain. Thus the PSNI must be satisfied that any release of information will be potentially available to the general public.

A release under the Freedom of Information Act is considered to be a release to the public at large. Disclosing confidential account details would constitute a breach of confidence. The PSNI will not release information that would result in a third party taking the organisation to court.

Decision

I am satisfied that there is an obligation of confidentiality and that the information does contain the necessary quality of confidence and the tests of confidentiality have been met. Therefore, the account details contained in the copy invoices have been withheld.

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 letter.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

Money Received by PSNI from Sporting Organisations

YEAR	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TOTAL RECEIVED	No' of OFFICERS
2008	Coleraine Football Club	Coleraine Showgrounds	£600.00	10
2009	Irish Football association	Windsor Park	£5,471.19	37

**COPY
INVOICE**

Invoice No: 1000004653
Invoice Date: 22/07/2008
Customer A/C Number: [REDACTED]
Your Order No.:

**s.F41
s.F41(1)(a)
s.F41(1)(b)**

Customer Address:

Coleraine Football Club
The Showgrounds
Ballycastle Road
COLERAINE
Northern Ireland

Send your remittance to:

Police Service for Northern Ireland
Accounts Branch
8th Floor
River House
48 High Street
Belfast BT1 2RU
VAT REG 253915453

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	NET AMOUNT	VAT %	VAT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Police Costs for service required at the 'Legends of Football' Coleraine Showgrounds on the 24 July 08	0	0.00	600.00	15.0	105.00	705.00
Total			600.00		105.00	

Your Contact Name: Mr John Mairs,
Chief Executive

TOTAL STG 705.00

CREDIT TERMS: 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE

Please direct all queries and payments to Sales Ledger clerk at 02890 650222 Ext 20322 or E-Mail sales@psni.pnn.police.uk

NOTE:

Please make all cheques payable to the 'Police Service of Northern Ireland No 1 A/C' or alternatively to pay electronically our Bank Details are [REDACTED]

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REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIP

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]
CUSTOMER NAME Coleraine Football Club
AMOUNT 705.00
DATE OF ISSUE 22/07/2008
INVOICE NO. 1000004653

**COPY
INVOICE**

Invoice No: 100005580
Invoice Date: 29/04/2009
Customer A/C Number: [REDACTED]
Your Order No.:

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Customer Address:

Irish Football Association
FAO Mr William Campbell
Head of Operations
20 Windsor Avenue
Belfast

BT9 6EG

Send your remittance to:

Police Service for Northern Ireland
Accounts Branch
8th Floor
River House
48 High Street
Belfast BT1 2RU
VAT REG 253915453

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	NET AMOUNT	VAT %	VAT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Provision of TSG at the NI-V-Poland match.	0	0.00	5,471.19	0.0	0.00	5,471.19
Total			5,471.19		0.00	

Your Contact Name: William Campbell

TOTAL STG 5,471.19

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CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]
CUSTOMER NAME Irish Football Association

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AMOUNT 5,471.19
DATE OF ISSUE 29/04/2009
INVOICE NO. 100005580