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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-03007

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Cost of Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) 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

The total cost of/and or the Annual Budget for the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (Rural West) in E District - Armagh City and District Council area for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Answer

The annual budget for the Rural West Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) in Armagh was as follows:

- 2010 –£308,093
- 2009 –£302,629
- 2008 –£299,704

Question 2

The total cost of and /or the Annual Budget for the Armagh City Policing Team (Neighbourhood) in E District - Armagh City and District Council area for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The annual budget for the Armagh City NPT in Armagh was as follows:

- 2010 –£366,840
- 2009 –£302,629
- 2008 –£299,704

The budget allocations above include all costs payable by PSNI (i.e. Basic Pay, Employer's National Insurance, Pension charges and allowances) but does not include overtime. The Neighbourhood Policing Team also have access to the District overtime budget allocation for operational requirements on approval from the Area Commander.

In addition, the NPT have access to the budgets controlled centrally by Area or District Command e.g. Policing with the Community funds, Community Safety budget, Local Initiative budget. NPT also regularly bid for support from specialised units, Roads Policing, Tactical Support Group, District Tutor

Unit to assist / compliment their role with identified community issues.

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.

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