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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02266

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Assistance For Study Through PSNI Academic Development Fund

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose records subject to the deletion of information pursuant to the provisions of section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information 2000 (the Act)

Question 1

Please provide details of the number of individuals who have received financial assistance with their studies through the PSNI Academic Development Fund for each of the last three years (to include the most recent application process in July / August 2010). Please also provide the rank, gender, branch / district, course title and individual level of funding for each person who has received such funding.

Question 2

Please also provide the rank, gender, branch / district and course title for unsuccessful applicants for Academic Development Funding for the same three year period.

Answer

Please see table below detailing those successful and unsuccessful to receive financial assistance with their studies through the PSNI Academic Development fund for the last three years.

I have decided to exempt the rank and gender of individuals pursuant to the provisions of Section 40(2)(a)(b) by virtue of (3)(a)(i) of the Act.

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.

To provide this information would require me to release personal details about individuals other than the applicant. This data could lead to the identification of an individual and this would be a breach of the Data Protection Act catered for within Freedom of Information by the exemption under Section 40(2) as outlined below.

Section 40(2) is a Class-based exemption, therefore it is not necessary to evidence the harm caused by disclosure. The data protection rights of a third party would be breached by disclosure, therefore Section 40(2) is an Absolute exemption and a Public Interest Test is not necessary. This is so because personal data is governed by other law (The Data Protection Act 1998).

All requests made under 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 and not just to an individual.

Personal Data is regulated under the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and when information contains personal data about a third party it can only be released if disclosure would not breach any of the data protection principles.

Principle 1 is that personal data must only be processed lawfully and fairly. To process this information for any other purpose, i.e. by releasing it under Freedom of Information would be unfair to the individuals concerned and therefore a breach of this principle.

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.

Financial Assistance 2008-2009

RANK	GENDER	BRANCH/DISTRICT	COURSE TITLE	AMOUNT
		D District	Msc/post grad dip in Community & Public health Nursing	1620
		B District	HNC Electrical& Electronic Engineering	830.25
		F District	The Professional Certificate in Management	477.5
		B District	Post Grad Cert in Behavioural Forensic Psychology	2782.5
		B District	Work Based Learning	1425
		D District	UU Diploma HE Counselling	775.5
		B District	Msc Networks & Distributed Systems	4060
		C District	Msc Criminology & Community safety	2587.5
		B District	Mssc In Work based Learningwith Specialism in E-Learning	2475
		E District	Single Hons LLB Law Degree	945
		D District	City & Guilds Design & Craft Level3	297
		E District	Bsc Hons Criminology & criminal Justice	3073.5
		B District	BA in Professional Development	1593.75
		D District	Cert in Terroriam Studies	1161.75
		B District	Msc Outdoor Education	1200
		B District	ECDL Fast Track	241
		B District	NEBOSH National General Cert in Occupational Safety & Health	663.75
		B District	C&G 7303 Cert in Delivering Learning	562.5
		B District	Cert in Emergency Planning	472.5
		B District	Postgrad Cert/Dip masters in Ed	2790
		D District	Cert in Terrorism Studies	1161.75
		A District	Bsc (hons) Risk & Security Management	1275
		B District	Mssc in Work Based Learning	2565
		B District	Post Grad Dip in Terrorism & Sub Tfr to M litt	3250
		B District	Post Grad Dip in Terrorism & Sub Tfr to M litt	3250
		H District	Law & Politics LLB	12000
		B District	PHD terrorism	5000

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UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Lisnasharragh	NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health
Lisnasharragh	NVQ Occupational Health & Safety Practice Level 4
G District	MSSc Work Based Learning
Brooklyn	BSI Diploma in Quality Management
F District	Foundation Degree - Investigation & Evidence
D District	LCGI - Integrated Emergency Planning
D District	PGC Behavioural Forensic Psychology
E District	Doctorate of Philosophy
B District	MSc Cybercrime Forensics
Lisnasharragh	MSSc/Postgrad Diploma in Work Based Learning
Stormont	MSc - Forensic Psychology & Criminology
B District	Advanced Diploma in Work Based Learning
G District	Forensic Science Society Diploma in Crime Scene Investigation
Belfast Sea Port	Diploma in Teaching & Learning
G District	Diploma in Teaching & Learning Year 2
G District	Diploma in Teaching
B District	LLM Masters in Human Rights Law
E District	MA in Violence, Terrorism & Security and Approaches to Social Science Research
Lisnasharragh	MA in Violence, Terrorism & Security and Approaches to Social Science Research
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D District	BSc (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice
Lisnasharragh	MA/Postgrad Diploma in Personnel Management
Castfereagh	LLM Human Rights Law
B District	LLB Law (Single Honours)
B District	LLB (Hons) Law & Politics
Lisnasharragh	MSSc Work Based Learning
Castlereagh	ECDL (Level 2)
G District	Diploma in Teaching & Learning

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Financial Assistance 2009-2010

RANK	GENDER	BRANCH/DISTRICT	COURSE TITLE	AMOUNT
		B District	MA in Social Policy & Criminology	3165
		B District	British Sign Language Level 1	144
		G District	Foundation Degree on Investigation & Evidence	600
		B District	Applying Psychology to Education	2857.5
		H District	Posr Grad Cert in behavioural Forensic Psychology	2775
		H District	Posr Grad Cert in behavioural Forensic Psychology	2775
		G District	PHd Forensic psychology	895.5
		B District	Applying Psychology to Education	2857.5
		A District	MSSc Postgraduate Dip in Criminology	2632.5
		B District	Understanding Law	892.5
		B District	Cert in Terrorism Studies	1214.25
		B District	MSc in Police Leadership	1687.5
		H District	Cert in Terrorism Studies	1214.25
		G District	Cert in Terrorism Studies	1214.25
		B District	MSc in Computer security & Forensics	6351
		D District	Major & critical incident Psychology	3150
		E District	Exploring Psychology	472.5
		D District	UU Dip HE Counselling	550.5
		B District	Master of Financial Investigation of Financial Crime	4132.5
		D District	Cert in British Sign Language	85.5
		B District	MA Violence, Terrorism & Security	1544.4
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Financial Assistance 2009-2010

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

F District	BSc Hons Community Development
B District	Level 7 Introductory Executive Diploma in Management
D District	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE Maths
C District	Certificate in Terrorism
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C District	Certificate in Terrorism
G District	Diploma in Education
H District	MSc Applied Forensic Psychology
B District	Level 7 Introductory Executive Diploma in Management
A District	Certificate in Paralegal Studies
B District	LLM Human Rights & Criminal Justice
C District	Certificate in Terrorism
B District	BA in Professional Development
C District	Diploma in Teaching & Lifelong Training
C District	AQA GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier
D District	PGC Forensic Studies
B District	LLM Human Rights Law
B District	Msc Cybercrime Forensics
A District	Certificate in Paralegal Studies
B District	BSC Hons in Human Resource Management
B District	Teaching Certificate
A District	Certificate in Paralegal Studies
C District	University Certificate in Coaching & Mentoring
B District	MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel Management
B District	MSc in Business Improvement
B District	BA Business Management/Studies
B District	Security & Risk Management - Msc
B District	Financial Investigation & Financial Crime
B District	LLB Hons
G District	Master of Financial Investigation of Financial Crime
B District	EDI Dip in Criminology Level 3

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Financial Assistance 2009-2010

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

G District	MSc in Forensic Psychology & Criminology
B District	Master of Public Administration, Postgraduate Dip in Public Administration
B District	BA Professional Development
D District	MSc in Forensic Psychology & Criminology
H District	Institute of Accounting Technicians - Year 1
B District	PGC Forensic Studies
A District	LLB Hons Law
B District	Diploma in Psychology (OCN)
C District	BSc (Hons) Counter Fraud & Criminal Justice Studies
D District	MA in Business Administration
A District	MSc in Terrorism, Security & Policing
C District	NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety
C District	Certificate in Personnel Practice
C District	MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources/Personnel Management
D District	MSc in Terrorism, Security & Policing
C District	Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
B District	Human Resource Management CIPD Professional Development Scheme
E District	MSc Police Leadership & Management
B District	Certificate in Terrorism Studies
F District	MSc Police Leadership & Management
E District	MA Professional Development

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RANK	GENDER	BRANCH/DISTRICT	COURSE TITLE	AMOUNT
		B District	Level 3 Cert in Health & Social Care	390
		B District	MSc eLearning: Interactive Teaching Technologies	895.5
		B District	Certificate in Terrorism Studies	1287
		B District	Foundation Level Dip in Human Resources Practice	555
		A District	MSc in Executive Leadership	2500
		B District	Distance Learning Certificate in Crime Analysis	1391.25
		H District	Posr Graduate Cert in Behavioural Forensic Psychology	1811.25
		H District	Posr Graduate Cert in Behavioural Forensic Psychology	1811.25

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	G District	Masters in Human Rights Law (LLM)
	D District	Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
	E District	Post Graduate Diploma/Master's in Education (with Specialiams)
	B District	MA in Human Resource Management/Postgraduate Dip in Personnel Management
	D District	Understanding Law (W100)
	D District	Bachelor of Science - Open studies
	H District	Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Forensics
	B District	Doctoral programme in International Human Rights Law
	E District	Msc Police Leadership & Management
	A District	Organisational Behaviour (MSc)
	B District	Online & Distance Education
	F District	NPIA Masters Cybercrime Forensics
	G District	Human Right Law
	D District	BSc (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice
	B District	NEBOSH Dip in Enviromental Management
	D District	LAW: The individual and the State
	B District	MSSc/Postgraduate Dip in Work-Based Learning (Occupational health & Safety)
	B District	Advanced ECDL
	E District	GCSE Photography

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Financial Assistance 2010-2011

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

B District	MA Violence, Terrorism & Security
E District	Child Psychology
B District	LLM in Human Rights & Criminal Justice
A District	Diploma in Paralegal Studies
C District	Nebosh Certificate
E District	Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma/Master's in Education
D District	LAW: The Individual and the State
B District	BSc (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice
B District	LLM in Human Rights
B District	Doctor of Education (EdD)
B District	MSSc in Human Rights & Criminal Justice
B District	Dept of Criminology - MSc Security & Risk Management
D District	Masters Education in Applying Psychology to Education
F District	Postgraduate programme in Security Management
B District	Single Honours Law Degree

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