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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01398
Keyword: Human Resources
Subject: Grafton Contract Extension

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 and the answer to your questions following on from response to question 1 below in F-2010-01084 are as follows:

Question 1 - Regarding the contract between the HET and the recruitment agency Grafton for the provision of staff - is there a date when this contract runs out?

Answer - The current Grafton contract started January 2008 and is due to initially run three years until January 2011, with a possibility to extend the contract by a further two years to January 2013. The contract was won through an open tendering process.

Question 1

When would the extension be decided?

Answer

A decision on whether to extend the contract will be taken in the months ahead, based on the prevailing circumstances and future organisational need.

Question 2

Who will be making that decision?

Answer

The Director of HR, as Head of Department.

Question 3

Does Grafton have the option to agree to an extension without the contract going out to tender?

Answer

Yes Grafton have the option to agree to an extension.

Question 4

Why is the extension only until 2013?

Answer

The contract is a 3 year mandatory period, plus two single year optional extensions.

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