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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01257

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: The Chief Constable's Recent Visit to Crossmaglen

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

Please state the length of time which Mr Baggott spent in Crossmaglen on a recent visit earlier this month?

Answer

The Chief Constable visited Newry and Mourne police on 19 April 2010.

He spent a total of 5 hours in the Newry and Mourne area, this included visiting Ardmore station in Newry and meeting local police officers on duty there. He spent time on patrol with officers in South Armagh and visited Crossmaglen station where he met officers on duty. He spent 45 minutes on a beat patrol in Crossmaglen where he met members of the local community. The Chief Constable was welcomed and well received by all of those people he interacted with.

Question 2

How much of this time was spent walking the town's streets?

Answer

The Chief Constable spent 45 minutes on a beat patrol in Crossmaglen where he met members of the local community. He was welcomed and well received by all of those people he interacted with.

Question 3

Please state the total cost of policing Mr Baggott's visit to Crossmaglen?

Answer

No additional cost was incurred as a result of the Chief Constable's presence

Question 4

Please state how many officers were involved in policing Mr Baggott's visit to Crossmaglen?

Answer

All officers involved with the Chief Constable's visit would have been on duty within the Newry and Mourne area. No additional police were placed on duty and no police from other areas were used. The police on patrol with the Chief Constable were part of a pre-planned patrol that had been arranged prior to the Chief Constable indicating his intention to visit the area. Plans were not changed to facilitate this visit.

The Chief Constable has visited and will continue to visit many towns and communities across Northern Ireland since being appointed, speaking with officers, staff and members of the public.

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