



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03439

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Helicopter Pilot

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.

Previous request F-2011-03007 refers.

Question 1

Reply to Q.3 - Why, as the employer of a pilot cleared to a high level of security clearance do you not have information of his employment contract. Are you suggesting he has a job with Grafton as a pilot?

Answer

Grafton ESP is an independent recruitment agency which manages permanent and temporary recruitment activities for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. It is a matter for Grafton ESP as to the terms and conditions they have in place for their associates.

Question 2

Reply to Q.4 - As the Chief Pilot and Unit Inspector would have been on any interview board and made written recommendation to HR as to who to employ why can the Air Support unit not confirm if this person was ever interviewed?

Answer

There is no information held by PSNI. This information is held by the agency who conducted the employment process.

Question 3

Reply to Q.6 - Did the Chief Pilot ever introduce any written evidence or emails produced by this candidate at any Industrial Tribunal held in Northern Ireland in the pass two years?

Answer

No.

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.

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