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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00388

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Number of Officers and Number of Jobs Expected to be Cut

### 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 are as follows:

#### Question 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide the following information:  
The current number of police officers within your force.

#### Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested in question 1. Section 21 of the Act provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information.

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme. To access the actual strength of the Police Service please visit our website at: [http://www.psnipolice.uk/index/updates/updates\\_statistics/updates\\_strength\\_of\\_police\\_service\\_statistics.htm](http://www.psnipolice.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_strength_of_police_service_statistics.htm)

Please note these statistics are updated monthly.

#### Question 2

The number of police officer jobs that are expected to be cut within the next three years, by 1 April 2014.

#### Answer

Budgetary issues, in respect of PSNI staffing have yet to be fully resolved therefore no prospective cuts in police numbers have been identified.

#### Question 3

The number of community support officers as of 1 January 2010.

#### Question 4

The number of community support officers as of 1 January 2011.

**Question 5**

How many community support officer jobs are set to be cut by the end of the next financial year?

**Question 6**

What number of community support officers are expected be cut by 1 April 2014.

**Answer**

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not currently employ Police Community Support Officers.

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](mailto: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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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