

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02320

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Training Documents For Foot Patrols

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you tell me whether your force has any training documents for officers who carry out foot patrols while on duty. Please could you provide me with a copy of any such documents?

Please note, I am only interested in documents that relate to advising officers on the actual "physical" aspects of foot patrol and that may provide advice on, for instance, warm-up exercises, fitness levels, recommended techniques, suggested clothing, whether to walk alone or in groups.... etc etc. I do not seek information about other aspects of police work involved in foot patrolling.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. The PSNI's Human Resources department has advised that advice on the "physical" aspects of foot patrol as described above is not provided to officers. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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