



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03989

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: ACPO and Federation Posts

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

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask you to send me the following information:

Any analysis or reports submitted within ACPO ranks or to the Police Authority about undue time spent at court waiting to give evidence.

Answer

Searches were conducted which failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Question 2

Recorded information in respect of time spent by chief officers on ACPO work? (this should exclude officers who are seconded to ACPO but whose salary/costs are met by ACPO).

Answer

Please see the table provided below which details time spent by all chief officers on ACPO work;

ACPO Member	National work involved in. Business Area, Portfolio, Workgroup or other	Average time spent per week
CC		

DCC	ACPO Professional Ethics Portfolio	48 hrs quarterly (incl travelling time)
		1 hr per month
ACC Rural	CPOSA Regional Rep for PSNI	2 hrs per week / 2 days per month (including travel)
	CPOSA National Negotiating Secretary	
	Member of ACPO Futures Business Area	1 day per quarter
ACC Urban	Member of ACPO Ports Policing	1 hour per week
ACC OSD	PSNI & National Public Order Rep of UK Operational Interoperability Co-ordination Group	2.1
	Vice Chair of National Operations Review Group (NORG)	0
	Vice Chair of ACPO Public Order and Public Safety Working Group	13
	Member of PREVENT Programme Board	3
	Member of ACPO (TAM) PROTECT & PREPARE Board	1.2
	Chair of G8 2013 Stakeholder Group	1.2
	ACPO Strategic Firearms Co-ordination group (Represented at)	0
	ACPO Leads on IT Directors NICHE User Group (Represented at)	0
	ACPO sub committee on Firearms Licensing (Represented at)	0
ACC Crime	Lead of ACPO Hate Crime (Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Business Area)	2
	Member of EDHRC Inquiry GOLD Sub group (Under ACPO Hate Crime)	1
	Member of Hate Crime Race for Justice Committee	0
	Member of Homicide Working Group	
	Member of ACPO Violence Board	
	Member of ACPO/SOCA Bilateral Group	
	Member of ACPO Drugs Committee	
	ACPO TAM	

	None	N/A
ACC Criminal Justice		
Director Human Resources	Chair of ACPO Health, Safety and Welfare Strategic Group	10 hours per week
	Member of ACPO Workforce Development Business Area	3 hours per week
Director Finance	ACPO Police Director of Finance Group	Less than one hour per week
	CIPFA Police Panel	Less than one hour per week
Director Media & PR	Member of Communications Advisory Group (CAG)	1 Day quarterly covers these two meetings
	Member of Association of Police Communicators - National Group (APC)	
	Member of Association of Police Communicators - North West Region	1 Day quarterly
Director legal Services	None	N/A

Question 3

How many posts within the Force are approved for full-time or part-time work for the Police Federation?

Answer

2 posts are approved for full-time or part-time work for the Police Federation.

Question 4

How many hours are federated officers within the Force permitted to spend on federated issues.

Answer

The governance for the construct, roles and responsibilities of the Police Federation for Northern

Ireland is The Police Association for Northern Ireland Regulations 1991. The Regulations do not specify limits on the amount of time an elected Federation Representative can spend on Federation matters.

Question 5

How many posts within the Force are approved for full-time or part-time work for the Superintendents Association.

Answer

2 posts are approved for full-time or part-time work for the Superintendents Association.

Question 6

How many hours are officers within the Force permitted to spend on work for the Superintendents Association?

Answer

The governance for the construct, roles and responsibilities of the Superintendents Association for NI is The Police Association for NI Regulations 1991. The Regulations do not specify limits on the amount of time an elected Association Representative can spend on Association matters.

Question 7

How many police staff posts are approved for full-time or part-time work with a trade union.

Answer

2.5 posts are approved for full-time or part-time work with a trade union.

Question 8

How many hours are police staff permitted to spend on work for a trade union?

Answer

Civil Service Circular 48/82 - "Facilities for industrial relations duties and Trade Union activities in the Non-Industrial NICS" and CSC 45/77 - "Facilities for Industrial Civil Servants engaged in industrial relations duties and trade union activities", set out the arrangements for the facilities made available to elected representatives for the Industrial and Non-Industrial Trade Unions/Staff Associations. Neither circular specifies limits on the amount of time an elected TU Official / Representative can spend on union issues.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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