



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00757

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: List of Stations and Emergency Control Centres

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I request a full listing of all the police stations within your force.

Question 2

Along with the following details per site; station name.

Question 3

Station Address

Question 4

Total number of vehicles based at each site.

Question 5

Which stations have a custody suite, along with:

Question 6

Number of cells per site.

Question 7

Number of detainees over a single year per site

Question 8

Detainees average stay time per site

Question 9

Which of these stations have a local control centre together with number of operators.

Question 10

I also request a full listing of the emergency control centres within your force along with the following details per site:

Question 11

Emergency control centre name.

Question 12

Emergency control centre address.

Question 13

Number of Operators per site.

Question 14

Hours of operation per site.

Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 (18 hours).

Information in relation to questions 4, 5 and 6 is not held in a central location and would require individual retrieval from information held at each of our eight District Command Units. A canvass of the Districts indicated that to answer these three questions alone would take an estimated 18 hours and 35 minutes.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit.

For questions 7 and 8, the Central Statistics Unit could provide the number of persons detained under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 at each custody suite and an approximate average time of stay per detainee. Information in relation to questions 9 to 14 could be provided from the Operational Support Department. This could all be provided within the cost limit. In addition, it may also be possible to provide a response to questions 4, 5 and 6 for a specified District or Districts.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

For your information, listings of station names and addresses (as requested in questions 1, 2, and 3) within each of the Districts are available on the PSNI website and can be accessed using the following link;

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index/search.jsp/search.lsim?sr=0&nh=10&cs=iso-8859-1&sc=&sm=0&mt=1&ha=psni-cms&qt=+station+opening+hours>

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.