



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-03148

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Incidents re Suicide Intervention

Request and Answer:

Question 1

According to your Force Crisis Negotiator Coordinator/s, how many incidents of suicide intervention "threats to jump" were Negotiators asked to attend during 2011 where the intervention occurred on a bridge?

Answer

PSNI Hostage & Crisis Negotiators were deployed to a total of 10 incidents involving a subject on a bridge and classified as Suicide Intervention.

Question 2

How long did each of those incidents take to resolve - from Police first being alerted, to the person moving to a place of safety or jumping?

Answer

All of the incidents were resolved safely by negotiators or by police in attendance at the scene of the incident in advance of the arrival of negotiators. Duration of incidents as follows:

- Incident 1 - 2 hours 50 minutes
- Incident 2 - 8 hours
- Incident 3 - 40 minutes
- Incident 4 - 30 minutes
- Incident 5 - 1 hour
- Incident 6 - 30 minutes
- Incident 7 - 1 hour 45 minutes
- Incident 8 - 30 minutes
- Incident 9 - 1 hour
- Incident 10 - 1 hour 30 minutes

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