

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01206

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PNC (Police National Computer)Training

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

The proportion of your officers who have completed PNC training giving them direct access to PNC.

Answer

PSNI officers are no longer trained in PNC (Police National Computer). There are currently 4 officers who have attended PNC training. The majority of officers trained in PNC have since retired or left the Service. PND (Police National Database) has now replaced PNC and officers continue to be trained in PND.

Question 2

The length (number of days) and any estimated cost (£) of the PNC training course(s) requiring completion before officers have access to PNC.

Answer

The duration of PNC courses ranged from 2 to 5 days, depending on the level of access and requirements of PNC trainees. The average cost per day's training would have been 1- 2 trainers at a cost of approximately £200 per day.

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.

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