



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02493

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Recruitment

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

I was wondering if you are able to tell me when the PSNI intend to recruit new police officers. I know that a specific date is out of the question but I was hoping you could give me an estimate of the month or year.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland, like most other public sector organisations, has to make significant efficiency savings in the current 4 year financial cycle, and is facing considerable uncertainty on future funding arrangements due to the present economic situation.

We must be sure that we can operate within budgetary limits, and it is because of the current uncertainty on future funding that police recruitment is currently suspended.

It is therefore difficult to accurately answer your question at this time, however we currently anticipate the normal recruitment arrangements resuming by 2014.

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.