



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-03078

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Money allocated to Belfast Pride by PSNI

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Pursuit of the Freedom of Information Act I request a breakdown of all money allocated to Belfast Pride by the PSNI for events organised in 2012.

I also request copies of all documentation relating to the awarding of any funds.

Answer

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to question 1, subject to the deletion of information pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 and Section 40 of the Freedom of Information 2000 (the Act)

The information you have requested has resulted in the retrieval of documentation and correspondence which details the names and contact details of both PSNI officers/ staff and members of the public and bank details relating to an organisation. These details have been exempted pursuant to Section 38 (1)(a)(b), Health and Safety, and S40 (2)(a)(b) by virtue of S40 (3)(a)(i) Personal Information, of the FOIA 2000. Please see the documentation at the end of this correspondence.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption/s, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

S 38 (1)(a)(b) – Health & Safety

S40 (2)(a)(b) by virtue of S40 (3)(a)(i) – Personal Information

Section 38 Health & Safety is a prejudice based qualified exemption and this means that the public authority is required to provide harm that could occur following disclosure of the requested information and must consider the balance of the public interest in releasing the information against the public interest in withholding it.

Section 40 Personal Information is an absolute exemption which means there is no requirement on the Public Authority to consider whether there is a public interest in disclosure. This is so because personal data is governed by other law (The Data Protection Act 1998). **A disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not just to an individual applicant.**

To answer your request would require the release of personal details about individuals. The names of police officers / staff, or members of the public named in the information, could be used in conjunction with other information which may already be in the public domain or which may become available in the future to compromise their security. The PSNI have a duty of care to ensure the safety of police officers and the public. A release under the Freedom of Information Act is considered to be a release to the public at large. This would be a breach of the Data Protection Act and is catered for within Freedom of Information by the exemptions under Section 40(2) as outlined below.

Personal Data is regulated under the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and when information contains personal data about a third party it can only be released if disclosure would not breach any of the data protection principles.

Principle 1 is that personal data must only be processed lawfully and fairly.

Members of staff and members of the public are entitled to protection under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Service would be failing in its lawful duty were it to breach the Data Protection Act in order to furnish a disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Service has a duty to protect the personal data of all individuals.

The summary of the Harm and Public Interest considerations for Section 38 are provided below:

Harm Test

Section 38

Disclosing the names of persons working for the PSNI, under the current level of security threat, could cause their personal safety and that of their families and/or property to be put at risk of terrorist attack. To identify individuals, who are connected to the groups which were provided funding could place them under risk of potential homophobic attacks.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release – Section 38

Releasing the information would promote openness and transparency as to the individuals involved in the whole application process.

Factors Favouring Retention – Section 38

Releasing the names of individuals connected to the groups provided with funding into the public domain would assist persons to carry out homophobic attacks on these individuals or their families and therefore the release of this information would be likely to place members of the public at risk. The stress/fear of intimidation may also affect their mental health if the PSNI place their names into the public domain and they fear harassment/physical attacks/rejection.

Terrorist activity is a real and current threat and the PSNI has a duty of care to protect anyone working for the Service, especially if the staff named within the information released are in roles

which are not that of a senior rank. The PSNI will not disclose any information which may increase the risk of harm to police officers/staff.

Decision

The PSNI has a duty to fulfil its law enforcement function. There is a public interest in the transparency and appropriateness of how public funds are allocated and this information has been disclosed to you. The information redacted has the potential to assist persons to carry out attacks either on Police officers/staff or members of the public and/or their families. When it comes to the balance of the risk of attack to any member of the public versus accountability, the decision under FOI will always be in favour of withholding information that would be likely to endanger any individual. The Police will not disclose information that will put lives at risk as the safety of individuals is of paramount importance.

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.

other events run at a loss.

Thanking you in anticipation.

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 Chairman

Not relevant to Request

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] s.F38(1)(a)
Sent: 30 July 2012 11:30 s.F38(1)(b)
To: [Redacted] s.F40(2)(a)
Cc: ONEILL Trevor; [Redacted] s.F40(2)(b)
Subject: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE s.F40(3)(ai)

Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged
Attachments: Application for PSNI funding.doc; BLANK INTERNAL PAYMENT FORM - NEW.xls; Blank GRN.XLS

Good Morning

Please see attached for payment.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Policing with the Community

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 30 July 2012 11:22
To: [Redacted]
Subject: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE
Importance: High

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 27 July 2012 14:09
To: [Redacted]
Subject: : FW: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE
Importance: High

[Redacted]

Please see attached order, PO number SID/121304/135

When goods/services received please complete the attached GRN and return to zOtherHQFinance. Also include details of any changes to your order in the comments box on the GRN.

Thanks

[Redacted]

Finance
Knocknagoney

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2012 12:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2.RESTRICTED:: FW: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE
Importance: High

Folks

Forwarded for PO please.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2012 11:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 1.NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED-All Networks:: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Please see attached for approval & forwarding to zOtherHQFinance for PO no.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: ONEILL Trevor
Sent: 06 July 2012 15:44
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: : FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE

[REDACTED]

Approved.

Can you please have processed?

Thanks

Trevor

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2012 13:03
To: ONEILL Trevor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FUNDING APPLICATION - AD IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE

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Chief

Please see attached for approval.

Many thanks



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Application for PSNI funding

All applications should be submitted to:-

community.safety@psni.pnn.police.uk

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ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS			
Full name	Men of the North	Full postal address	
Website address	www.menofthenorth.com	Telephone number	
Fax number		Name of contact within organisation	
Email of contact within organisation		Telephone number of contact within organisation	AS ABOVE
Is the organisation a registered charity	NO	If so please provide details	
DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FUNDING IS SOUGHT FOR - AD FOR UNITE AGAINST HATE IN MEN OF THE NORTH PRIDE MAGAZINE 2011			
When will the occurrence take place	MAY 2011	Where will the occurrence take place	
For what purpose will the occurrence take place	TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF UNITE AGAINST HATE	If a new supplier please provide details of bank name, full postal address, sort code, account number, Roll number if Building Society and VAT registration number	
Has PSNI funding been provided to your organisation previously	NO		
FINANCIAL DETAILS			
Any financial assistance provided by PSNI is liable to audit inspection – for this reason original receipts must be retained by the recipient for a period of 7 years.			
How much funding is being requested	<u>£300.00</u>	Why is the funding sought from PSNI	Raise awareness of Hate Crime Report

In completing the application you are agreeing to the terms and conditions above.
Funding will not be issued unless you accept these terms.

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What is the breakdown of how the funding will be used	MAGAZINE ADVERT	What match - funding is available from other agencies	OTHERS HAVE TAKEN AD TO VALUE OF £1000
OBJECTIVES OF OCCURRENCE			
What is the aim of the occurrence	PROMOTE THE WORK OF PSNI HATE CRIME	What outcomes are sought from the occurrence	TO HELP INCREASE UNDER REPORTING TO PSNI
Who will benefit from the occurrence	ISOLATED GAY PEOPLE	What police engagement is involved	
EVALUATION			
Evaluations will be submitted within one month following the occurrence. Failure to do so may effect future funding applications.			
How will the occurrence be evaluated	NUMBER OF BOOKLETS PUBLISHED	How will evidence of spend be provided	CIRCULATION OF MAG
Who will provide the evaluation		When will the evaluation be submitted	<u>ASAP</u>

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PSNI INTERNAL PAYMENT FORM

Finance Office Location

CSAF

Supplier Number

Supplier/Member Name

Supplier Address
(sundry only)

Postcode

Force / Payroll Number

Prompt payment date

24/07/12

Document Reference

SID/121304/135

Document Date

Narrative

Funding Application - Ad in Men of the North Pride Magazine

Bank Acc No. (Sundry)

Sort Code

Account Name

Roll No.

Reason for Payment (Tick appropriate reason)

Advance for Travel (F14)

Petty Cash

Warrants

Postage Imprest

Firearms Refunds

Payovers

Court Fee Refunds

Legal Services

Pensions

Advance of pay

Donations

Other

If Other, please explain

Funding Application - Ad in Men of the North Pride Magazine

Total Amount

£ 300.00

VAT Amount

£

(if not correctly broken down below the form will be returned)

VAT Exclusive

£ 300.00

Vat Code 1(20% standard)

VAT Exclusive

£

Vat amount

£

VAT Code 3 (Zero Rated)

VAT Exclusive

£ 300.00

VAT Code 4 (Exempt)

VAT Exclusive

£

VAT Code 6 (Outside Scope)

VAT Exclusive

£

Other (please state code)

VAT Exclusive

£

Vat amount

£

GL Codes (OPTIONAL)

If there are more than 4 GL Codes to be used, please complete a separate list and attach it to this form for scanning

Amount

£ 300.00

Amount

£

Amount

£

Amount

£

Completed By:
(Block Capitals)

[Redacted]

Date

24/07/2012

Authorised By:
(Block Capitals)

[Redacted]

Date

24/07/2012

(This will be used as prompt payment date if not specified above)

1st line approver name
(Block Capitals - If not the same as Completed By)

[Redacted]

2nd line approver name

[Redacted]

This form must be returned to P2P Unit with all appropriate supporting documentation attached

P2P Unit will reject and return incorrectly completed forms

IPFvA

Officer: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Officer: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

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SERVICE IMPROVEMENT DEPARTMENT

GOODS RECEIVED ADVICE NOTE (GRN)

NOT FOR EXTERNAL USE

**Please complete this form if you do not receive a GRN/ Delivery
Note when goods delivered**

Purchase Order No:

Date Ordered:

Date of Delivery:

Goods received by:

Comments:

Please indicate any changes to order
(e.g increase/ decrease or additional
items) or if order was received in full

**Please forward when completed to Finance Office, knocknagoney or e-mail to
ZOtherHQFinance**

Not relevant to Request

From: ONEILL Trevor
Sent: 19 July 2012 13:07
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: : Men of the North Application for PSNI funding (1).doc
Attachments: Fw: Hi [Redacted]

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Can you please have processed authorised to the amount of **£700 only**?

Thank you.

Trevor

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 July 2012 11:59
To: ONEILL Trevor
Subject: Men of the North Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

Trevor

The attached email was to accompy the appication and states

Men Of The North feels members of the group as whole need to have more support and confidence in the PSNI . Actively involving with the PSNI Community Relations branch is a new initiative.This is deemed as required as a number of our Members have had Physical and Verbal abuse attacks but due to their Family/ work Connections cannot report these incidents. Also for some gay men there is a lack of confidence in the PSNI as well as a lack of Confidence in the force itself .

The rest is sorted

From: ONEILL Trevor
Sent: 18 July 2012 14:56
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: : Men of the North Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

Folks

[Redacted] were you not to help [Redacted] beef up the form below in terms of outcomes, PSNI engagement, evaluation etc?

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Its lacking detail at the moment.

Trevor

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2012 14:07
To: ONEILL Trevor
Subject: : FW: Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

Chief,

Any progress with this one ?

[REDACTED]

From: ONEILL Trevor
Sent: 09 July 2012 12:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: : Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

[REDACTED]

For views please.

Thanks

Trevor

From: zCommunity Safety
Sent: 09 July 2012 09:43
To: ONEILL Trevor
Subject: : FW: Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

Trevor

Please see Funding Application below and attachment in relation to Men of the North

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2012 13:59
To: zCommunity Safety
Subject: Fw: Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

Hi K=There [REDACTED] hope this comes out okay and you can have a look at it and let me know , also a separate sheet on its way to Compliment it , Many Thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2012 11:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Application for PSNI funding (1).doc

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

s.F38(1)(a)	Full name	Men Of the North	Full postal address	
s.F38(1)(b)	Website	www.menofthenorth.com	Telephone number	
s.F40(2)(a)	address		Name of contact within organisation	
s.F40(2)(b)	Fax number	n/a	Telephone number of contact within organisation	
s.F40(3)(a)	Email of contact within organisation			
Is the organisation a registered charity	No		If so please provide details	n/a
DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FUNDING IS SOUGHT FOR Support towards an afternoon social event for mature men, lesbians, and members of the heterosexual community to promote better understanding of issues—including homophobia—for mature gay men in NI				
When will the occurrence take place	4/08/12		Where will the occurrence take place	Outside Deers Head, Garfield ST, Belfast,BT1
For what purpose will the occurrence take place	An offshoot event of Pride aimed at persons marginalised from or concerned to be seen at the main Pride Parade or stage due to homophobia and social attitudes		If a new supplier please provide details of bank name, full postal address, sort code, account number, Roll number if Building Society and VAT registration number	Previously supplied
Has PSNI funding been provided to your organisation previously	Yes—towards an advertisement in a magazine			
FINANCIAL DETAILS				
Any financial assistance provided by PSNI is liable to audit inspection – for this reason original receipts must be retained by the recipient for a period of 7 years.				
How much funding is being requested	£1950		Why is the funding sought from PSNI	To meet a shortfall in MOTN Funding
What is the breakdown of how the funding will be used	<u>See attached document</u>		What match - funding is available from other agencies	We are seeking additional funding from other statutory and voluntary groups plus contact with gay owned businesses. Also internal fund raising
OBJECTIVES OF OCCURRENCE				
What is the aim of the occurrence	<u>To promote an event for gay men ,lesbians and heterosexuals in NI—in a safe space and environment</u>		What outcomes are sought from the occurrence	to improve networking among gay men ,other attendees—and to promote services available from PSNI among mature gay men .This group needs to better understand the services available

Who will benefit from the occurrence	All in attendance	What police engagement is involved _	from the PSNI _ Promotion of services and materials _
EVALUATION			
Evaluations will be submitted within one month following the occurrence. Failure to do so may effect future funding applications.			
How will the occurrence be evaluated	By MOTN Committee Members seeking feedback	How will evidence of spend be provided	Evidenced by police participation and feedback from persons attending _
Who will provide the evaluation	MOTN Committee	When will the evaluation be submitted	September 2012 _

Not relevant to Request

[Redacted]

From: ONEILL Trevor
Sent: 13 July 2012 11:03
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: : Belfast Pride funding application for guide advertising costs
Importance: High
Attachments: Application for PSNI funding Belfast Pride.doc

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[Redacted]

Approved. Please have processed.

Thank you.

Trevor

From: zCommunity Safety
Sent: 06 June 2012 13:01
To: ONEILL Trevor
Subject: funding application for guide advertising costs
Importance: High

Chief

Please see attached for approval

Many thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 30 May 2012 11:16
To: zCommunity Safety
Subject: : FW: funding application for guide advertising costs

[Redacted]

Please see attached as discussed this morning.

Thank you

[Redacted]

From: Simon Rea [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 29 May 2012 13:23
To: CommunitySafety@psni.pnn.police.uk
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: funding application for guide advertising costs

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Simon Rea
Secretary

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[REDACTED]

First Floor, 9-13 Waring Street, Belfast. BT1 2DX
Belfast Pride is accepted as a charity by HMRC with reference number XR40124.

Application for PSNI funding

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community.safety@psni.pnn.police.uk

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ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS Belfast Pride			
Full name	Belfast Pride	Full postal address	9-13 Waring st, Belfast. BT1 2DX
Website address	www.belfastpride.com	Telephone number	028 90 890 207
Fax number	028 90278 654	Name of contact within organisation	Simon Rea
Email of contact within organisation	[REDACTED]	Telephone number of contact within organisation	[REDACTED]
Is the organisation a registered charity	yes	If so please provide details	XR40124
DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FUNDING IS SOUGHT FOR			
When will the occurrence take place	7 th July to 5 th August	Where will the occurrence take place	Throughout the city of Belfast
For what purpose will the occurrence take place	To promote LGBT rights and visibility and take a stand against homophobia and hate crime, celebrating diversity	If a new supplier please provide details of bank name, full postal address, sort code, account number, Roll number if Building Society and VAT registration number	[REDACTED]
Has PSNI funding been provided to your organisation previously	Yes over the past 4 years		
FINANCIAL DETAILS			
Any financial assistance provided by PSNI is liable to audit inspection – for this reason original receipts must be retained by the recipient for a period of 7 years.			
How much funding is being requested	<u>£600</u>	Why is the funding sought from PSNI	Placing antihomophobia adverts within the Pride website and stall

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Funding will not be issued unless you accept these terms.

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Application for PSNI funding

All applications should be submitted to:-

community.safety@psni.pnn.police.uk

What is the breakdown of how the funding will be used	Prime advertisement to demonstrate PSNI support for LGBT people and raise awareness of homophobia and the ability to tackle hate crime	What match - funding is available from other agencies	<u>Funding is provided from a variety of sources this will allow the PSNI to be represented alongside a number of community groups and commercial organisations as well as support organisations</u>
OBJECTIVES OF OCCURRENCE			
What is the aim of the occurrence	<u>Tackle hate crime and indicate that the PSNI is supportive of LGBT people</u>	What outcomes are sought from the occurrence	<u>Reater awareness of how to tackle hate crime. Confidence in the psni from the LGBT community</u>
Who will benefit from the occurrence	<u>LGBT people and the PSNI corporate brand</u>	What police engagement is involved	<u>PSNI always present at the festival for engagement with the community</u>
EVALUATION			
Evaluations will be submitted within one month following the occurrence. Failure to do so may effect future funding applications.			
How will the occurrence be evaluated	Contacts over the next 12 months, feedback from the main party in the square	How will evidence of spend be provided	<u>Invoice - and link to website</u>
Who will provide the evaluation	<u>Belfast Pride</u>	When will the evaluation be submitted	<u>October 2012</u>

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