



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-00147

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Neighbourhood Disputes

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Could you please advise me of the amount of Tax Payer's money wasted on a case that should have never been before the courts, according to the Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland.

This was a petty neighbourhood dispute and police time and tax payer's money was wasted on this case from June 2006 until January 2009.

#### Question 2

Please also inform me of any similar cases that were brought before the courts, regards to neighbourhood disputes and the amount of tax payer's money wasted on these cases.

#### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. It is not possible to quantify costs in relation to neighbourhood disputes as incidents of this nature are not individually costed. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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](mailto: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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.