



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01106

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Senior Risk Information Officers

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

In 2008 the government established a new position within government to try and deal with the serious problems of departments losing sensitive and confidential information, particularly that stored electronically. Those holding this new office are called Senior Information Risk Owners or Officers (SIRO's) and all departments as well as various other bodies within HM Gov must appoint someone to this post.

What I don't know is if this role has since been introduced into the Police Forces. If it has, then could you please tell me who the SIRO is for your organisation, their position within the organisation and their contact details? A SIRO is more of a responsibility than an actual job title and is usually given to a senior member of staff. If you do not have one then that is fine but I would like to know.

Answer

The PSNI SIRO is Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support Department.

The contact details are:

Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support Department
Police Service of Northern Ireland
Police Headquarters
Brooklyn
65 Knock Road
Belfast
BT5 6LE

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