



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-02002

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Officers Assisting with G8 Operations

Request and Answer:

Question 1

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.

We hereby formally request that you disclose the following request in pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. How many additional police officers from other constabularies/forces will be assisting the PSNI with their G8 operations?

Answer

At present there are 3,600 additional police officers assisting the PSNI with their G8 operations. This is not a static figure and may fluctuate.

Question 2

Will these officers (if any) be accountable to the equivalent professional standards as PSNI personnel.

Answer

All officers deployed will be under the command and control of the Chief Constable PSNI. As such they are accountable for their conduct being to the standards set by the Chief Constable for all of his officers. Any breaches of these standards will be investigated in accordance with the relevant Conduct Regulations.

Question 3

Will these officers (if any) be held accountable by the Office of Police Ombudsman NI should any complaint be lodged in respect of their conduct.

Answer

All officers will be held accountable by PONI in the terms set out under Section 60 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

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.