



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05355

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Gunfire Locators

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I am emailing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. For the purposes of this request a gunfire locator is defined as a system that detects and conveys the location of gunfire or other weapon fire using acoustic, optical, or other types of sensors. Furthermore, for the purposes of this request, five years should be considered the period running January 1st 2008 - November 1st 2013. Could you please answer the following questions. If your police authority has used or considered using gunfire locators in the last five years?

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.

PSNI has not used or considered using gunfire locators within the past 5 years.

Question 2

How much money approximately has been spent on the use of gunfire locators or research into their use in the last five years?

Answer

Not applicable.

Question 3

How many gunfire locators your police authority has purchased or considered purchasing in the last five years?

Answer

None.

Question 4

If your police authority does use gunfire locators, how many incidents of gunfire have they recorded in the last five years?

If the information requested is likely to exceed cost limits I would be willing for information to be

provided for the last three years (January 1st 2010-November 1st 2013) rather than five years.

Answer

Not applicable.

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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