



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-02531

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Donations to the Police Federation

Request and Answer:

Question

Would you provide under FOIA the amount of monies (if any) that PSNI give/donate to the Northern Ireland Police Federation and the PSNI Benevolent fund and provide the reason for this grant/donation?

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.

The PSNI provides a grant of £67k per annum to the Police Federation NI (PFNI). This is split £50k towards their annual running expenses and £17k towards their annual conference.

PSNI does not make any grant/donation to the PSNI Benevolent Fund, except for transferring donations made by officers through payroll giving.

Question

Would you also supply the process in which the Police Federation and/or PSNI Benevolent fund apply for the monies/grant? In a similar vein would you also supply where the PSNI monies come from to supply monies/grants (if any are given) eg. from the Justice Department NI or from Westminster block grant.

Answer

The Police Federation NI (PFNI) applies each year for the Grant following the instructions issued within the conditions of grant and management statement document. These instructions are inline with guidance from the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The Police Federation NI (PFNI) grant is part of the main grant monies PSNI receive from the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Question

Does the PSNI have full view of police federation/ PSNI Benevolent fund accounts before (and if)if monies/grants are given in line with proper governance arrangements.

Answer

Yes as part of the grant application each year the Police Federation NI (PFNI) provide PSNI with a copy of their audited accounts.

Question

What steps (if any) have been taken to ensure that the police federation/ benevolent fund are fully accountable to those who pay grants/monies/monthly membership fees to their organisations?

Answer

In respect of the PSNI grant to Police Federation NI (PFNI). the governance arrangements are laid out within the conditions of grant and management statement document agreed between PSNI and the Police Federation NI (PFNI).

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.

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