



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03448

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Port-A-Cabin B&Q Carpark Newtownabbey

Request and Answer:

Question 1

On what date did Inspector (named officer), Sergeant (named officer) or any other PSNI officer call at the port-a-cabin in B&Q car park after its arrival Monday 16th June 2014 to check the name of the business or charity concerned due to the fact that there is no name on the port-a-cabin?

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.

A PSNI Officer visited the port-a-cabin on July 4, 2014.

Question 2

On what date were documents checked by the PSNI as to the identities of the person or persons in the port-a-cabin and that they have been checked by police e.g. for the protection of children and vulnerable young people and adults.

Answer

No information is held on this as there was no reason to carry out a check of the only person who was present at the time the officer visited the port-a-cabin.

Question 3

If the port-a-cabin is run by a charity did the PSNI get the exact name, address and telephone number of the charity and also the charity registration number? Please provide me with a copy of this.

Answer

The port-a-cabin is not run by a charity.

Question 4

If the port-a-cabin is run by a business did the PSNI get the exact name, address and telephone number of the Head Office? Please provide me with a copy of this.

Answer

Llangro Limited, 9 Greers Rd., Dungannon, BT70 1DR.

Question 5

When did the PSNI call to the port-a-cabin to check that the owners of the port-a-cabin/tenant are registered with the local council to operate as a business? Please provide me with a copy of this.

Answer

No information held.

Question 6

Was the PSNI consulted about the port-a-cabin in B&Q car park before it was placed there? N.B. The reason for asking this is because it is close to a Tesco cash machine and petrol station.

Answer

No recorded information held.

Question 7

Why does a plain white lorry about 40 feet long with a door in the side wait until almost 7.00pm to call with own keys to collect bags?

Answer

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislates for the rights of an individual to seek access to information held by a Public Authority. The Act only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally, only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. Requests which are not for recorded information, but instead ask questions, such as "why does x happen" or "please explain y does this" are not requests for recorded information. The Act does not extend to such requests for information unless the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form. PSNI does not hold information in recorded form which would answer your question.

Request 2**Question 8(1)**

Please provide me with all the details that (named officer) obtained e.g. the address of the Head Office for Clothes Recycling Cash for Clothes!! Web Address, Telephone Number etc. After his visit Thursday 3rd July 2014.

Answer

Please see answer to question 4.

Question 9(2)

Please provide me with written confirmation that all those working in the Clothes Recycling Port-A-Cabin have been checked by the police so they can come into contact with vulnerable people who may have children with them?

Answer

No information is held on this as there was no reason to carry out a check of the only person who was present at the time the officer visited the port-a-cabin.

Question 10(3)

The cabin supplier is Donnelly Cabins. Is this an associated company of Donnelly Brothers that the PSNI is investigating into according to T.V. News coverage?

Question 11(4)

Are clothes Recycling Cash For Clothes obtaining customer's names and address and other contact details when they give the customer cash for unwanted clothes?

Question 12(5)

Can clothes Recycling Cash For Clothes re-sale or distribute customer's details to e.g. loan companies, Newtownabbey Borough Council, PSNI, Social Security Agency etc?

Answer 10(3), 11(4) and 12(5)

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However to be of assistance in this case I can confirm that PSNI hold no information on who supplied the port-a-cabin.

Question 13(6)

Under Health & Safety legislation does the PSNI have the name and direct contact details for the people who operate Clothes Recycling Cash For Clothes in the event of a fire etc?

Answer

Searches were conducted and the PSNI can confirm that it holds no information relevant to this request.

Question 14(7)

Under Health & Safety legislation did (named officer) establish how long the clothes for recycling for cash port-a-cabin will be in B&Q car park for e.g. 3 months from the date of its arrival Monday 16th June 2014, 6 months a year or will it be in place for years?

Answer

No.

Question 15(8)

Did the owners or agents of the Abbey Retail Park inform the PSNI at Newtownabbey before the port-a-cabin was put in place due to the fact it is only a short distance from a cash point and petrol filling station?

Answer

Searches were conducted and the PSNI can confirm that no information is held relevant to this request.

Question 16(9)

The PSNI must confirm if Clothes Recycling Cash for Clothes is a business that donates a small percentage of their profits to charity, and also what is the name of the charity or community group or groups it donates to?

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information.

Question 17(10)

The PSNI must confirm if Clothes Recycling has full or partial charity status.

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information.

Question 18(11)

The PSNI must confirm all locations in Newtownabbey where there are other clothes recycling cash for clothes port-a-cabin operating?

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information

Question 19(12)

The PSNI must confirm all locations in N. Ireland where there is Clothes Recycling Cash for Clothes port-a-cabin.

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information.

Question 20(13)

The PSNI must confirm the status of those who work in clothes recycling port-a-cabin in the Abbey Retail Park – e.g. voluntary worker, self-employed or zero hour worker.

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information.

Question 21(14)

If the person or persons operating the Clothes Recycling Cash for Clothes port-a-cabin or voluntary workers have the police done criminal record checks on them in the interest of vulnerable adults and children's safety? N.B. In Abbey Retail Park and other locations.

Answer

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Question 22(15)

Does anyone working in the clothes recycling cash for clothes have a criminal record or did have a criminal record?

Answer

Police are unaware of the identities of those working in the business.

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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