



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01852

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Police Motorcycle Helmets

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would be grateful if you could provide information about helmets made available to motorcycle officers. Specifically, can you please confirm the following: Are the helmets made available to officers full face helmets, open faced helmets, or helmets with a movable chin guard?

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 supply two types of helmet to officers – full face and flip front.

Question 2

If you make helmets other than full face helmets available, do you provide any guidance as to how these should be worn; for example, should helmets with a movable chin guard only be used with the chin guard down?

Answer

Every helmet is provided with an 'Instruction for Use' booklet and a 'how to use your helmet properly' booklet which provide guidance from the manufacturer as to how a helmet should be worn.

Question 3

Do you have any policy regarding the above?

Answer

There is no additional policy in regard to the wearing of these helmets.

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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