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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-20105-01795

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Charges for Policing Sporting Events

Request and Answer:

Question

I am inquiring if there are any PSNI plans to introduce charges for Police cover at public and sporting events.

If so, is there a date for this to be introduced; details of applicable charges or additional information.

Clarification I am thinking of sporting events or perhaps social events such as concerts etc. where police might be in attendance.

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 have recently published Service procedure 4-15 - Charging for Police Services (online) and it sets out the details of when charges will be applied and how they will be calculated.

and for your convenience I have provided the link below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/policies_and_service_procedures.htm)

This service procedure is not a change to previous practice, which has been carried out in line with ACPO guidelines on Police Charging, but is intended to provide greater clarity and transparency for event organisers while enhancing consistency of application across the PSNI. The procedures have been developed with and approved by the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

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.