



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01021

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Procurement Training

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state the total number of staff within your procurement team.

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 no full-time procurement staff. All procurement competitions are managed through the Central Procurement Directorate (CPD) which falls under the Department of Finance and Personnel.

Question 2

Of the number provided in response to question 1, please state the number of staff within your procurement team that have; A CIPS or other professional procurement qualification, No professional procurement qualification, but are currently undergoing training.

Answer

Not applicable as per response to question 1.

Question 3

What is your total third party (non-pay) spend across the whole of your organisation in the following financial years - 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15. Please note this is total spend by the organisation and is to include payments below £500.

Answer

2012/13 - £202 millions.

2013/14 - £232 millions.

2014/15 - total not yet available.

Question 4

What training is available to procurement staff? Tick all that apply; In-house training, E-Learning, External training provider, Formal body (CIPS), Consultant.

Answer

All PSNI personnel who sit on evaluation panels and manage contracts are subject to joint PSNI/CPD in-house procurement training.

Question 5

For your procurement staff, do you have a documented program of training and/or development?

Answer

Across PSNI, 1194 staff have been trained between June 2006 and March 2015 based on Service Procedure 12/12 (Procurement and Contract Management Within The Police Service of Northern Ireland). 400 of these were during the last two years.

Question 6

How many of your procurement staff have undertaken commercial training within the last - 12 months and 24 months

Answer

Not applicable as per response to question 1.

Question 7

How many people, not within the procurement function, have received commercial training within the last - 12 months and 24 months?

Answer

None.

Question 8

If you have answered Q7 with a positive number, how was this training provided? In-house training, E-Learning, External training provider, Formal body (CIPS), Consultant.

Answer

Not applicable.

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