



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00222

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: PSNI Use of Naloxone

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I am a researcher with Release. Release is the national centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law, providing free and confidential specialist advice to the public and professionals.

I submit this request for specific information regarding the provision of Naloxone within your police force. The information being sought relates to the datasets gathered by various public safety bodies in your area, as well as data gathered for any strategic crime data analysis software. This information is sought under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

Do police officers and community support officers receive training in the management of opioid overdose and the use of Naloxone?

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 officers receive training in the recognition and treatment of Poisons.

In addition, officers have also been provided with detailed information in regard to the drug Naloxone and the Naloxone Kit.

PSNI Officers do not administer Naloxone.

Question 2

Do individual police officers and community support officers within your force area carry Naloxone?

Answer

No, PSNI officers do not carry Naloxone.

PSNI does not have community support officers

Question 3

Do Police vehicles within your force area carry Naloxone?

Answer

No, PSNI vehicles do not carry Naloxone.

Question 4

If the answer to Question 2 and/or 3 is 'Yes', how many times was Naloxone used by officers in your force area in the financial year 2013/14. Please provide this data broken down by month and BCU if this is possible.

Answer

Not applicable.

Question 5

If the answer to Question 2 and/or 3 is 'No', do you have any plans for police officers and community support officers to carry this in the future, and if so when is this to be rolled out?

Answer

No, at this time there are no plans for PSNI officers to carry Naloxone in the future.

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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