



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03007

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI Recruitment

Request and Answer:

Question

I wish to request information the following information, in four parts, as a follow up to a previous FOI request (F-2015-01985) regarding PSNI recruitment.

- A) Given the current political crisis at Stormont, does the PSNI still intend to recruit for the role of police constable within the calendar year 2015?
- B) Given the current political crisis at Stormont, are funds still available to the PSNI to conduct any planned recruitment?
- C) If there are plans to conduct recruitment for the role of police constable, when is the most accurate date available for this recruitment?
- D) Finally, to the best available knowledge, if recruitment is occurring, what is the approximate number of job positions to be offered?

Clarification Request: We have received your recent request regarding PSNI recruitment, before we begin processing your request, I want to make you aware of the PSNI website (a link to which is provided below) which has been set up for the 2015 recruitment campaign and which provides information relevant to your request. This website confirms that the recruitment campaign begins at the end of this month with the online application process opening on Wednesday 30th September.

<https://www.joinpsni.co.uk>

I believe this website provides the answers to questions A - C of your FOI request please have a look at the link below and let me know if you are content for these questions to be removed from your FOI request.

Clarification Response: Yes, I sent the FOI the night before the website was updated. So I'll happily withdraw the first three parts of my FOI. As for the fourth part regarding the numbers being recruited, I would still like to know that, if the information is available.

Question 1

To the best available knowledge, if recruitment is occurring, what is the approximate number of job positions to be offered?

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.

As of the date of this FOI response, 21st October 2015, it is anticipated that there will be a minimum of 100 PSNI officers recruited from Campaign 3.

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.