



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00422

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Policing in the Dungiven Area

Request and Answer:

Question 1

On Saturday February 5 there was a 'visible police presence' in Dungiven which police said was 'to ensure the safety of both the Linfield supporters travelling on buses to the Institute Vs Linfield match and to residents of the surrounding areas.'

Please provide details of policing in the Dungiven area on Saturday 5, including;

The number of police officers and vehicles deployed

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Searches carried out by the Causeway Coast and Glens policing district have identified that 7 officers in were deployed in Dungiven itself, using 2 vehicles and 2 bikes. In addition, 19 officers were deployed on the outskirts of Dungiven as part of the operation, using 5 vehicles.

Please note that the question above asks for the information for Saturday 5th February, however it has been determined that this football match occurred on Saturday the 4th of February and so the information provided relates to this date.

Question 2

The cost of the policing operation

Answer

The cost of this policing operation has not been calculated and so there is no information held to answer this request. However in order to be of assistance the police district have provided the number of hours worked by those police officers involved in the policing operation.

Inspector – 6 Hours
Sergeant – 24.8 Hours
Constable – 136.3 Hours

Question 3

The number of and reason for any cautions or arrests

Answer

No cautions or arrests made in relation to this policing operation.

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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