



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02514

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** IT Software

**Request and 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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We further consider the information you seek in request number 6 is exempt by virtue of section 40 of FOIA and have detailed our rationale as to why this exemption applies. We have also provided you with links to guidance issued by the Information Commissioner’s Office which we have followed in responding to your request.

**Request 1**

What is the current number of staff who use a PC or a laptop within your organisation?

**Answer**

There are currently 2504 Police Staff who use a desktop PC in PSNI. The record owner has advised they have no records to show how many use laptops.

**Request 2**

What are the current Microsoft software licences (server and desktop) that you are using?

**Answer**

PSNI uses Windows 7 Enterprise and Office 2010 on the desktop. Please see below the inventory list below from the last annual invoice.

Part No.	Description	Offering	Purchase Period
W06-00445	CoreCAL ALNG LicSAPk MVL UsrCAL	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
FUD-00936	CISDataCtr ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Proc	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
395-02412	ExchgSvrEnt ALNG LicSAPk MVL	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
312-02177	ExchgSvrStd ALNG LicSAPk MVL	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
7JQ-00341	SQLSvrEntCore ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Lic CoreLic	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
MX3-00115	VSEntwMSDN ALNG LicSAPk MVL	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
YJD-01075	CISStd ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Proc	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
7NQ-00302	SQLSvrStdCore ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Lic CoreLic	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019

T9L-00222	SysCtrStd ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Proc	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019
4ZF-00019	VDA ALNG SubsVL MVL PerDvc	Enterprise Subscription	Mar 2018- Mar 2019

### Request 3

What is your annual IT spend on Microsoft licences?

#### Answer

£991.000 during the financial year 2018/19 (to date) including true ups.

### Request 4

Has your organisation moved, or is planning to move, to the Cloud in the next 12 months?

#### Answer

Please use the link below to see the PSNI's Digital Strategy.

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-departments/finance-and-support-services/ics/digital-strat-2020/psni-digital-strategy-a4-document-v9.2.3-external.pdf>

### Request 5

Are you due to undertake a review of your software estate in the next 12 months?

#### Answer

ICS has advised they have no records to indicate a review in the next 12 months.

### Request 6

What is the name of the decision maker for IT spend in your organisation?

#### Answer

Within the PSNI the Head of ICS is the decision maker for IT spend. The name of this person will not be released this is explained further below.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption/s, as well as the factors the Department considered, are listed below:

**Section 40(2)(a)(b) by virtue of 40(3)(A)(a) Personal Information** – Information constitutes personal data and disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles.

The full text of exemptions can be found at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) and further guidance on how they operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Section 40 (2) of the FOIA is an absolute exemption which means there is no requirement on the PSNI to consider whether there is a public interest in disclosure. It is an interface exemption and we must consider whether release of the information would breach the General Data Protection Regulations ('GDPR') or the Data Protection Act 2018 ('DPA') Third party personal information in relation to witness statements, police personnel, forensics staff etc and this information constitutes their 'personal data' under the GDPR (Article 4) and DPA (Part 1 s.3).

Under the Freedom of Information Act, PSNI must consider if information can be released into the public domain. I have therefore considered whether the disclosure of this personal data is subject to

the exemption at Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by virtue of s40 (3)(A)(a). As this information is 'personal data', PSNI considered whether disclosure would contravene any of the six data protection principles contained within the GDPR or DPA.

The six data protection principles are good information handling standards which PSNI must comply with in relation to how it handles personal information, including deciding whether to disclose it or not. In particular, the first principle requires personal data to be processed 'fairly and lawfully'. In considering whether it is 'fair' to any individual to release information about them, PSNI considered the likely expectations of those individuals and the nature of the information involved. Individuals must have confidence that their information is treated sensitively and appropriately by PSNI. We consider that PSNI staff performing an administrative function would not have any reasonable expectation that their names would be disclosed into the public domain. We consider it would be extremely unfair to those individuals and therefore a breach of the first principle of data protection legislation. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 (2) of the FOIA as it contravenes data protection legislation to release it and the PSNI has made the decision to withhold that information.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.