



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02723

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Crime Prevention Officers

**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 information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

**Request 1**

The number of Crime prevention officers employed in 2011 both civilian and police.

**Answer**

Please see the response provided in the table below:

|                           | Regular |      | Police Staff |      | Agency |      |
|---------------------------|---------|------|--------------|------|--------|------|
|                           | 2011    | 2019 | 2011         | 2019 | 2011   | 2019 |
| Crime Prevention          | 12      | 1    |              | 12   |        |      |
| Crime Prevention Advisory |         |      | 1            | 1    |        |      |
| Crime Prevention          |         |      |              |      | 1      |      |

**Request 2**

The cost of training each individual civilian which includes their initial course, BTEC in integrated security system and Designing out crime course.

**Request 3**

A breakdown of costs annually of training of CPOs since February 2011.

**Answers 2 and 3**

The information requested is not held in central location within PSNI and in an attempt to respond to your request I have contacted All 11 Police Districts, Police College and Policing with the Community Branch.

Any training provided externally prior to November 2014 was funded by each individual District, however from the responses received from the Districts after searches carried out I can advise that they do not hold the information requested.

The Police College has provided the information in the tables below, however whilst the College holds the budget, they do not have the details of the technicalities of each course and how it may relate to each of the questions being asked.

| <b>Funding approved from the NI Police College's External Training Budget</b><br>(budget transferred to College since Nov 2014) |                                |  |                 |         |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------|
| Financial Year  | Number of Applicants/Attendees | Course   | Amount Approved |         |
| 2015/16   | 18                             | Education & Learning initial award (tailored to CPOs & delivered by Canterbury University) | £4,000          | £4,000  |
| 2015/16   | 7                              | Crime Prevention Course delivered by College of Policing                                   | £10,000         | £10,000 |
| 2017/18   | 2                              | Crime Prevention Course  | £2,400pp        | £4,800  |
| <b>The following have been requested for the incoming year- not approved as yet</b>   |                                |  |                 |         |
| 2019/20   | 10                             | Level 4 Certificate in Crime Prevention for Practitioners                                  | £2,600pp        | £26,000 |
|   | 10                             | Level 5 Certificate in Crime Prevention for Practitioners                                  | £2,700pp        | £27,000 |

Please note that Crime Prevention Officers may have attended District Training and other courses not role-specific.

Policing with the Community have recorded the following information regarding specific training costs, however this information is not recorded against the course it specifically refers to :

2011/12 - £340

2012/13 - £4128

In addition please find in the table below data from the 'PWCO' (Policing with the Community) Finance Unit which was created in 2013/14:

|   | Sum of Amount (Posted) |
|---|------------------------|
| Finance 2013/14                         | £22,000.00             |
| Btec in Security Systems for CPOs       | £22,000.00             |
| Finance 2014/15                         | £431.00                |
| Introduction to Crime Prevention -      | £431.00                |
| Finance 2014/15                         | £431.00                |
| Running a Crime Prevention Initiative   | £431.00                |
| Finance 2014/15                         | £2,148.00              |
| Attendance at Crime Prevention Learning | £2,148.00              |
| Finance 2016/17                         | £166.66                |
| Construction Site Register Refresher    | £166.66                |
| Finance 2018/19                         | £255.00                |
| CSR Course - 16 November                | £172.50                |
| CSR Card Cost -                         | £82.50                 |
| Grand Total                             | £25,431.66             |

#### **Request 4**

The current number of CPOs employed and the reason for reduction in numbers if any.

#### **Answer**

There are a total of 12 Crime Prevention Officers.

#### **Request 5**

I would also like to know if there are any long term plans for the future of crime prevention with in the service.

#### **Answer**

The current Crime Prevention Strategy outlines the Vision, Intention and Purpose as follows:

##### Vision

To help build a safe, confident and peaceful society.

##### Intention

To keep people safe

Reducing and tackling vulnerability

##### Purpose of this Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to:

- Ensure that all appropriate crime prevention and reduction tactics are embraced;
- Use an evidence based approach to crime prevention and reduction;
- Identify and implement innovative approaches to preventing crime;
- Identify and capitalise upon opportunities for collaboration with key partners in order to address the wider consequences of crime;
- Work in partnership to protect the vulnerable and reduce repeat victimisation.

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.

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