



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01715

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Officers Allocation

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

How is it decided which district an officer will work in? (E.g. is it their choice? OR where they live?)

Answer

PSNI Human Resources - Internal Resourcing Branch attend a meeting with District Policing Command where the future resourcing picture is considered. A decision is then taken on how many Student Officers are to be allocated to each District.

Student Officers are forwarded a 'Student Officer Allocation' pro-forma, see attached.

Internal Resourcing will then review Student Officer preferences' in conjunction with operational need, trying, where possible, to match one of the preferred choices. When they cannot be facilitated Internal Resourcing try to keep travel times to an acceptable level, in line with operational need.

Request 2

A similar question to the one above, how is it determined what station an officer will work in?

Answer

In conjunction with the above response, once the District has been decided within this process each District Commander assesses the specific station allocation of the student officer on a case by case basis which is determined by the business needs of the District at said time.

Request 3

Do all PSNI officers need a driving license?

Answer

It is not an entry requirement to apply for a police officer role.

Request 4

In the Police College, what kind of training do officers get in terms of driving?

Answer

Student Officers within the College receive no driving training. There is no specific driving training for officers within the College, but certain applications have required a driving license or Police Driving card to enable them to travel between training locations and use training vehicles.

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