



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02650

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: PSNI Recruitment 2019

Request and Answer:

Request 1

If possible, could you please tell me if the Police College Garnerville has intakes planned post March 2019 comprising of those successful candidates from the 1710 police officer recruitment campaign?

Request 2

If so, in what months are these intakes due? For example: April, May and June 2019.

Answer

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislates for the rights of an individual to seek access to **recorded information** held by a public authority. Section 84 of the Act only extends to requests for **recorded information** and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide a yes or no response or create information to respond to an FOI request, unless of course the answer is already held in recorded form. Your request is therefore not a valid request as PSNI does not hold recorded information on the speculative element of these questions.

However on this occasion, I have made enquiries with Human Resources and they have confirmed that PSNI do not currently have approval to offer appointments against current and emerging vacancies beyond the end of the financial year in March 2019.

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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