



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00522

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Use Of Body Worn Cameras

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

I want to ask some questions regarding the use of body-worn cameras by your police force/constabulary.

Does your police department use body-worn cameras (BWC)s?

Answer

Yes, PSNI do use body worn cameras.

Request 2

How long has your police force been using BWCs?

Answer

PSNI started Service wide roll out of BWV cameras in June 2016 and completed the roll out in July 2017.

Request 3

How many BWCs are in deployment currently?

Answer

There are a total of 2300 BWV cameras.

Request 4

How many BWCs have been reported defective?

Answer

There have been 58 manufacturer faults.

Request 5

Which company did you procure the BWCs from?

Answer

The company is Edesix.

Request 6

How much was the total amount spent on BWCs and systems?

Answer

A total of £1.5 million.

Request 7

How long is the contract of use for the BWCs, and do you have replacement cycle in place?

Answer

The contract for use is five years. Plastics and Battery refresh at 2 Years. No decision taken yet as to whether we will replace or refresh at 4 years.

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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