



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01489

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Body Cam Evidence

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 many cases in each of the past 5 years involved Body Cam evidence?

Answer

PSNI carried out a body worn video (BWV) proof of concept from June 2014 until March 2015 during which time a total of 825 separate pieces of BWV footage were saved as evidence, equating to a similar number of incidents.

The Service wide roll out of BWV commenced in June 2016 and completed in July 2017, and the total number of incidents where BWV footage was seized as evidence are as follows;

In 2016 = 954
In 2017 = 9324
In 2018 = 12195

Request 2

How much to date has been spent on the introduction of body cams and associated technology?

Answer

To date, PSNI have spent £1,683k on Body Worn Video – which includes support to the end of 2019.

Request 3

What are the annual running costs of using body cams?

Answer

The annual support cost of BWV is £150,960.395.

Request 4

After what period of time is unused body cam footage destroyed or is it merely archived?

Answer

BWV footage which is not retained as evidence is automatically deleted after 31 days.

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.

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