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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02774

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Custody Detention Officer Services

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

To enable HCRG to support the police with future tender responses could you please provide the following information concerning your current provision of Custody Detention Officer Services delivered within the Custodies operated by your Police Services:

Contract Number:

Request 2

Current Provider:

Request 3

Scope of Services:

Request 4

Contract Award Date:

Request 5

Contract Value per Annum:

Request 6

Total Contract Award Value: Includes/Excludes Extensions (delete as applicable)

Request 7

Contract Commencement Date:

Request 8

Contract Duration:

Request 9

Extensions Permitted:

Request 10

Extensions Taken up:

Request 11

Approximate Next Expression of Interest Release (Month):

Request 12

Number of Custody Suites served at Contract Commencement:

Answers 1 -12

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI do not have a company contacted to supply custody health care services. Custody Detention Officers (CDO's) are police staff and have been since September 2017. There are no plans to change this arrangement.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 13

Number/Name of Custody Suites currently served and number of officers utilised (if possible) i.e.: 20 Cells at Plumpton, 4 Officers Friday - Monday, 3 Officers Tuesday - Thursday

- a. Number of Cells per Custody 1:
- b. Number of Cells per Custody 2:
- c. Number of Cells per Custody 3:
- d. Number of Cells per Custody 4:

Answer

Belfast Policing District = 50 cells.

Total of 76 CDO's with a total of 19 per section with a minimum operating strength of 14.

South Area = total of 28 CDOS which are spread across 4 custody suites as broken down below:

Omagh PSNI= total of 10 cells (minimum CDO strength =2)

Lurgan PSNI = total of 6 cells (minimum CDO strength = 2)

Banbridge PSNI = total of 7 cells (minimum CDO strength = 2)

Dungannon PSNI = total of 5 cells (minimum CDO strength =1)

North Area = total of 40 CDOS spread across 3 custody suites as broken down below:

Antrim PSNI = total of 20 cells (minimum CDO strength 2 'Monday 0800 – 2000' Friday. Weekends minimum CDO strength =3, 'Friday 2000- 0800 Monday'.

Coleraine PSNI = total of 10 cells, (minimum CDO strength = 2' Monday 0800 - 2000 Friday', and weekends CDO minimum strength = 3 'Friday 2000- 0800 Monday'.

Strand Road PSNI = total of 9 cells (minimum CDO strength = 3 at all times).

Request 14

Are other services provided under this Contract? i.e.: Prisoner Escorting, Appropriate Adult, Interpreter services, Court Detention Officers

Answer

Not applicable, please refer to the response above provided to respond to requests 1 -12.

Request 15

Hours of Custody Detention Officer Coverage provided: (i.e.: 24/7/365-6, 08:00 – 20:00)

Answer

All PSNI permanent custody suites are 24/7 – 365.

However in addition PSNI also have two contingency suites which are only opened when the operational need arises and CDO staff are drawn from existing resources.

They are located at Strabane PSNI = total of 6 cells and Bangor PSNI = total 7cells.

Request 16

Is it anticipated that future procurement of Custody Detention Officer Services will be combined with any other services in the next procurement? (Such as, but not limited to those identified above?)

Request 17

If you are unable to provide this information and you are aware of who the contracting authority is, could you please provide their name and contact information.

Answers 16 and 17

Not applicable, please refer to the response above provided to respond to requests 1 -12.

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.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.