



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01619

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Family Liaison Officers

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

In the following years, how many qualified Family Liaison officers were employed by the force?

2002-2003
2007-2008
2012-2013
2017-2018

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Human Resources have confirmed the role of Family Liaison Officer (FLO) is an additional role to an officer's main duty type and as such is not held on their database at present. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 2

In the following years, how much funding (in £) was invested in family liaison training and support by the force?

2002-2003
2007-2008
2012-2013
2017-2018

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Roads Policing has confirmed that financial costs relating to the delivery of FLO training is not held. It is performed in-house and is not extracted or recorded. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 3

In the following years, how many officers were trained as family liaison officers by the force?

2002-2003

2007-2008

2012-2013

2017-2018

Answer

Please see the table below detailing records of officers trained in FLO courses. A blank cell indicates that no information is recorded.

	2002-2003	2007-2008	2012-2013	2017-2018
Total	2	27	32	113

Please note: Human Resources are unable to confirm that those who took these qualifications are fully trained FLOs. Also, when officers retire or decide to no longer perform the role, they are removed from the deployable list and no longer recorded on the statistics; therefore these figures do not accurately reflect the number of FLOs trained.

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.

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