



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01071

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Costs in relation to GDPR

Request and Answer:

Request 1

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Total summary or estimate of expenditure to date to prepare your organisation for the incoming GDPR legislation

Request 2

Detail on this expenditure e.g. staff training, software, department policies, hiring.

Request 3

Projected spend or budget for managing GDPR within your department for the rest of the calendar year.

Answer

You have asked us to provide summaries or estimates of expenditure, breakdowns and further projected spend for PSNI's GDPR Implementation. PSNI does not hold summaries or estimates of this and does not hold dedicated project costs for this implementation project.

PSNI in liaison with the Information Commissioner's Office ('ICO') put in place an Implementation Board to oversee PSNI's implementation of GDPR as well as those law enforcement provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 which also came into force. This work was supported by a project team and work stream leads from across PSNI were appointed. Staff from all across PSNI provided their expertise and assistance as a part of their roles. In order to provide the information you seek, PSNI would need to create this information. This would include assessing the likely staff costs and estimating the break-down of staff time involved in project delivery. The FOI legislation does not require public authorities to create information. It provides the public with a right of access to information which is held in recorded form (section 84 of the FOIA).

Similarly it does not require us to speculate on a matter, this would include us creating further information in respect of your request for 'projected spend or budget'. PSNI does not hold this information.

As above, PSNI have liaised with the ICO and updated that office on our progress towards implementation of the new legislative requirements.

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.