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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02785

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Guidelines & Training in relation to Transgender Suspects

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

Are you able to provide me with any guidelines or training material the police gives to officers about how suspects who identify as transgender are to be treated?

Answer

In relation to guidelines, I can advise you that PSNI use Authorised Policing Practice in relation to dealing with transgender persons. PSNI Trainers refer to the PACE Codes of Practice for the Detention, Treatment and Questioning of Persons by Police Officers which can be accessed via the link provided below:

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/doj/16-06-pace-code-c-2015.pdf>

Please see Transgender NI training material attached separately to this correspondence, which was delivered to PSNI, including as part of the November 2018 Custody Sergeant Course. The training package has now been delivered and the training provider is content for the training package to be disclosed.

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.