



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02010

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: IT Systems in Use by PSNI

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the answer to the following questions: What is your IT budget for FY 2018? Please provide a total budget, as well as a breakdown of how much budget will go towards each of the below:

- a. Maintenance of current IT infrastructure.
- b. Investment in digital transformation*.
- c. Third-party management of IT infrastructure.

(*By digital transformation, we mean any large-scale technological projects which aim to create efficiencies within your specific police force.)

Answer

- 1.a Maintenance of current IT infrastructure - £19m.
1.b Investment in digital transformation* - £14m.
1.c Third-party management of IT infrastructure - £7m.
Total IT budget for FY 2018 is £40m.

Request 2

Which tools or systems* do you currently use to collaborate with other police forces and partner agencies? Please list all of these below. (*By tools or systems, we mean software-specific collaboration tools such as email, unified communications solutions, shared databases, video conferencing technology etc.)

Answer

The following are the Systems that PSNI currently use to collaborate with other police forces and partner agencies;

- MS Exchange/Outlook for Email.
Cisco Finesse and Attendant Console for unified communications.
Shared databases – Causeway (Criminal Justice N.I. Collaboration)

National Policing systems e.g. Police National Computer, Police National Database, Ident1 (National Fingerprint system) etc.

Request 3

Do you have any plans in place to adopt a cloud-first strategy over the next 1 – 5 years? If so, how much do you plan to invest in this?

Answer

There are no plans in place to adopt a cloud-first strategy over the next 1 – 5 years.

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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