



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02013

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Traffic Officers 2010-2018

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

How many officers do you have in your Neighbourhood Policing Teams (Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team) in the each of the past eight years? For clarity, I am referring to 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please break the number of officers down by rank in each of the years

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet The attached figures should be read taking cognisance of the following from PSNI Human Resources:

Historically the organisation classified some officers as being attached to Neighbourhood policing; following an organisational change many of these officers were re-designated as LPT (Local Policing Team) Officers. So whilst the figures for NPT have therefore decreased, many of these officers took on a different kind of policing role in the same geographical area. The LPT perform most of the duties previously carried out by Beat & Patrol / Response roles.

As can be seen from the table below the organisation has dropped in officer numbers from 2010 – 2018. Within District policing as a whole it has also dropped however our numbers within LPT have increased with the change of roles described above.

PSNI	2010	2018
Organisational	8358	6959
District	5366	3803
Response/LPT	1970	2462

Request 2

Please also state how many traffic officers are on at any given time?

Answer

The **minimum** patrol strength during Early & Late shifts is 9 officers and for Nights this figure is 6. However this number is supplemented by a varying number of Officers (due to training, court attendance, annual leave and sickness absences) up to a maximum of 44 Officers on duty at any one time.

Request 3

How many were employed in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet.

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.

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