



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02063

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Police Dogs

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

Can you please provide me with the following information?

Please, make sure that your table is in an excel format (NOT PDF, WORD OR IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL, PLEASE). This format is easier to use.

The number of police dogs you had in service for each of the last five financial year (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14)

Answer

Please see spreadsheet detailing the number of police dogs in service for PSNI for the last five financial years.

Request 2

The number of police dogs killed or injured in the line of duty for each of the last five financial year (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14). Please break the figures between killed and injured and provide me with details (for instance: nature of the injury, circumstances when the dog died/got injured etc.) where it is possible.

Answer

PSNI has had no dogs that have been killed or injured in the line of duty within the last five financial years.

Request 3

The cost to treat injured police dogs for each of the last five financial year (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14)

Answer

PSNI cannot provide the cost of treatment for injured dogs as we do not this information. We can however provide you with the cost of veterinary services for the last five financial years. These figures will include treatment of injured dogs as well as general treatment for the police dogs. Please see spreadsheet detailing the veterinary service costs for the last five financial years.

This information has been provided by the PSNI Police Dog Unit.

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.