



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02902

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Police Escorts for Private Weddings From April 2017 - August 2017

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

F-2018-01862 - simplify my previous request under the FOI, can you confirm how many private weddings received police escorts between April 2017 and August 2017? Once again dates and costs would be relevant.

Answer

PSNI Urban Contact Management Centre has stated that a search was conducted on the PSNI Command and Control System for the time period of 1st April 2017 to 31st August 2017 as requested using the incident code 'ESCO' for opening and closing type. This is the only code on the system for escort duties. The search returned 115 incidents with the ESCO code for this period. These were all manually checked for their relevance to the query and none referred to any police escorts or assistance at weddings.

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.