



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01802

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: International meeting of LBGTQ officers Greece 2022

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we 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

An international meeting of LBGTQ officers took place in Greece circa June 2022. I am informed PSNI officers attended.

Can you confirm if this is true?

Answer

The European LGBT+ Police conference was held in Athens, Greece from the 16th -17th June. One Police Service of Northern Ireland officer was an invited speaker at the conference and was the sole representative at the conference.

Request 2

If so was funding provided by PSNI?

Answer

No funding was provided by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Request 3

Was this done in the Officers own time or was additional time off granted to facilitate their attendance.

Answer

Recognised minority and diversity staff associations have duty credits allocated for five committee members. The officer attended in duty credit time for the dates of the conference and one day of travelling. Any additional time was in the officer's own time.

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 Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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