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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02443

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Special Constables

Request and Answer:

Request 1

How many Special Constables do you currently have in your Force?

Request 2

Does your force allow Special Constables to be based or posted within Roads Policing or your local equivalent traffic department?

Request 3

If yes, how many Special Constables are based on Roads Policing or your local equivalent traffic department?

Request 4

Does your force offer your Special Constables Standard Response driving training?

Request 5

If yes, how many Special Constables in your force are currently Standard Response trained?

Request 6

If applicable, what is the eligibility/selection criteria to apply for or be selected for a Standard Response driving course?

Request 7

Does your force offer your Special Constables the opportunity to become Advanced Driving trained?

Request 8

If yes, how many Special Constables are currently Advanced Driving trained?

Request 9

If applicable, what is the eligibility/selection criteria to apply for or be selected for an Advanced Driving course?

Request 10

Does your force offer Special Constables the opportunity to be trained in Initial Phase Pursuit (IPP)?

Request 11

If yes, how many Special Constables are currently IPP trained?

Request 12

If applicable, what is the eligibility/selection criteria apply for or be selected for an IPP course?

Answer to Requests 1 - 12

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 not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

The PSNI does not have or employ Special Constables.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.