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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00020

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Plans for Brexit

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Does the PSNI have any plans in place for Brexit and the eventuality of it?

Answer

Yes, PSNI has been planning for the UKs exit from the EU.

Request 2

Have any extra officers been deployed in relation to Brexit in the Armagh district?

Answer

Yes, additional officers have been allocated to Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Armagh in relation to EU Exit and as part of the Chief Constable's commitment to grow neighbourhood policing.

Request 3

What specific duties would these officers have if they are brought in, in relation to Brexit?

Answer

Officers providing neighbourhood policing and port control functions.

Request 4

Would these officers be used in a support role, supporting existing call signs in their duties?

Answer

Officers are not in a support role, they are carrying out full neighbourhood policing duties.

For information, in December 2018, the PSNI received notification of £16.48million in EU Exit funding from the Treasury, following the submission of a business case. This additional funding will allow PSNI to recruit a total of 308 additional officers and staff and make some investment in the police estate, IT and infrastructure. The majority of the funding will go into frontline policing for border communities, while a proportion will also go towards increasing PSNI's ability to tackle organised

criminality.

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.

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