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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00689

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Police Stations and Custody Suites

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

I request information on the stations and custody suites throughout your policing area. Can you please provide information on: Police Stations containing custody areas. Both Staffed and reserve locations.

Request 2

Number of cells and detention rooms at each location.

Request 3

Front Counter opening hours.

Clarification sent to you the Requester :

PSNI Record Owner has requested clarification on what is meant by 'Front Counter opening hours'? Does this refer to the enquiry office at the stations with custody suites?

Clarification received from you the Requester :

Yes, that is what I mean.

Request 4

Direct contact information for the front desk or custody suite contact person.

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has provided the information for Request Numbers 1-4 in the table below.

Please note that the data provided in response to request 2, reference 'detention room', PSNI have interpreted this to be a 'holding room', and therefore have provided data for 'holding rooms'.

Police Stations containing custody areas & Both Staffed and reserve locations.	Number of cells and holding rooms	Enquiry Offices	Direct contact information for the front desk or custody suite contact person.
Musgrave, Belfast	50 cells	24/7	101 and ask for the Station by name and for the 'Custody Sergeant'
	6 holding rooms		
Lurgan	6 cells 0 holding rooms	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Bangor [reserve]	7 cells 1 holding room	Currently 11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Banbridge	6 cells 0 holding rooms	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Dungannon	5 cells 0 holding rooms	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Enniskillen	8 cells 1 holding room <u>please note:</u> Closed at present for refurbishment	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Omagh	10 cells 2 holding rooms	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Strabane [reserve]	6 cells 0 holding rooms	Currently 11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Strand Rd, Londonderry	9 cells 0 holding rooms	24/7	
Coleraine	10 cells 1 holding room	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	
Antrim	20 cells 1 holding room	11am – 7pm Closed Public Holidays	

Request 5

Any stations closed since 2010.

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised that the following PSNI Stations that have closed since 2010 are:

Ballymoney, Bessbrook, Ballynafeigh, Bushmills, Carryduff, Craigavon, Crumlin, Cloughmills, Comber, Crossgar, Donaghadee, Donegall Pass, Fintona, Glenarm, Glengormley, Keady, Killyleagh, Oldpark, Randalstown and Saintfield.

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 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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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