



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02097

Keyword: Organisational Information Police Vehicles

Subject: LGBT Merchandise, Vehicle Wrapping and Pride Events

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.

Please include the information for each of the following periods; 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:

Request 1

Annual purchases of LGBT+ merchandise (for example, rainbow flags, bunting, lanyards, wristbands, stickers, balloons, pins) including the total quantity of LGBT+ merchandise purchased and the expenditure. Please provide a breakdown of what was purchased

Answer

The PSNI provided the LGBT group with an annual grant. From this grant the LGBT committee bought pens and other merchandise. PSNI do not have information relation to the cost or quantity bought.

Request 2

Annual expenditure on wrapping police vehicles in rainbow decorations and the number of vehicles wrapped. Please provide pictures if possible

Answer

The annual expenditure on wrapping police vehicles in rainbow decorations and the number of vehicles wrapped areas follows, please see attached pictures.

21/22 Financial year – No Vehicles

20/21 Financial year – No Vehicles

19/20 Financial year – 2 vehicles at a cost of £1,017.42

Request 3

Whether or not the police force has attended any Pride events in the mentioned financial years, including which events, the number of officers which attended the events, and how much was spent attending each event

Answer

No Police participated in Pride in 2020 and 2021 as there wasn't any pride events. In 2022 16 Officers took part in the Belfast Pride Parade alongside officers from other visiting policing services.

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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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.