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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02149

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Policing At Windsor Park

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

On 8th September 2021 there was an international match between Northern Ireland and Switzerland at The National Football Stadium, Windsor Park.

I would like to know: The number of police officers of the PSNI that attended this event and/or were in the vicinity of Windsor Park on the evening of 8th Sept. 2021 for the purposes of managing the crowds of football supporters. If an exact number cannot be given, a range could be provided e.g. 5 to 10, or 20 to 30?

Answer

122 officers were on duty at this event.

Request 2

How many incidents did the PSNI have to respond to on the evening of 8th Sept. 2021 in relation to the crowds of football supporters in Windsor Park and in the vicinity of Windsor Park?

Answer

Police attended 4 incidents however more incidents may have occurred which were not directly linked to the match.

Request 3

How many arrests were made on the evening of 8th Sept. 2021 in relation to the above mentioned football event?

Answer

0 arrests were made.

This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

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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