



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02177

Keyword: Organisational Information Technology and Equipment

Subject: Automatic External Defibrillators

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.

Request 1

The number of Automatic External Defibrillators that are in place in the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Request 2

The number of AEDs in place in police forces across your region and the UK.

Answers 1 & 2

There are currently approximately 400 AEDs within the PSNI. PSNI are unable to provide a response for any other police forces.

Request 3

Where are AEDs distributed in your organization? Are they typically found in intervention vehicles and/or stations?

Answer

AEDs are present in stations, gyms, training sites and in front line response vehicles.

Request 4

What brands of AED does your organization use or consider? Is it possible to say what brands police services are using across the UK and to give an estimate of their market share in 2020/2021?

Answer

PSNI predominately use Philips HeartStart FRx, however other devices have also been gifted. PSNI are unable to provide an estimate of their market share.

Request 5

Would the police services typically use simple or complex AEDs, or both?

Clarification

I should have specified Automatic Defibrillators and Semi-Automated Defibrillators.

Answer

All AEDs follow the same functions.

Request 6

On average, what is the purchasing price of an AED that police services are paying?

Answer

Most AEDs prices range from £1200 - £1500 dependant on what accessories are provided. PSNI are unable to provide a response for any other police forces.

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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