



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02916

Keyword: Organisational Information Procurement, Contracts and Contractors

Subject: GDPR Compliance

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to Request number 6 below.

Request 1

Who is responsible for data protection compliance within your organisation?

Answer

PSNI's Data Controller is the Chief Constable who is assisted in data protection compliance with a Senior Information Risk Owner and Data Protection Officer. All officers and staff have an obligation regarding data protection compliance.

Request 2

Do they know who performs the data sanitisation processes for the organisation?

Answer

PSNI have interpreted this request to mean "How is data sanitisation performed?" Therefore, the response is;

All secure disposal of ICT information assets is carried out in accordance with National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) guidance which is available on their Publication Scheme. For your convenience we have provided the link below.

[Secure sanitisation of storage media - NCSC.GOV.UK.](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/secure-sanitisation-of-storage-media)

Request 3

Are they aware of the Information Commissioner's Office approved GDPR certification scheme?

Answer

Yes.

Request 4

If no, would they find these schemes useful to help with their compliance?

Answer

We are required to comply with legislation even without use of certification. Data Protection Officer's opinion is certification is more useful in private sector to assure customers etc.

Request 5

If yes, do they specify the use of GDPR certification schemes for vendor selection?

Answer

No, the NI Civil Service require the use of standard contractual terms and condition relating to Data Protection for suppliers.

Request 6

Do you utilise an ADISA certified ITAD service provider for your IT asset disposal needs?

Answer

PSNI use IT Disposal Services via a Shared Services Contract managed by the Department of Finance. PSNI are not the contract owners or were not involved in the procurement. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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.