



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: FOI 57/2025

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Request:

Questions taken from provided questionnaire

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?	
Device Type	Number of Devices
Desktop PCs	
Laptops	
Mobile Phones	
Printers	
Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)	
Tablets	
Physical Servers	
Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)	
Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)	
Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring Tools)	

Q2. Does your organisation have plans to procure any of the below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: Platform as a Service	1,000,000	50,000	200,000	50,000
a. Cloud computing				
b. Software as a Service (SaaS)				
c. Platform as a Service (PaaS)				
d. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)				
e. Anything as a Service (XaaS)				

Q3. Does your organisation have any plans to procure the below services, if yes then please provide required information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: IoT security	50,000	50,000	80,000	50,000
a. Network Security				
b. Cloud Security				
c. Endpoint Security				
d. Mobile Security				
e. IoT Security				
f. Application Security				

Q4. Does your organisation have any plans to procure below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: Data and Analytics	1,750,000	2,000,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
a. Data and Analytics				
b. AI and Automation				
c. Digital Transformation				
d. ERP Systems				

Q5. Has your organisation implemented any form of AI or Automation services, and if not, what is the reason for not implementing?	Yes	No	Reason
Example: Yes, Example: No, Legacy System			
a. Implemented			
b. Minor implementation with completed AI strategy			
c. Plans to develop implementation			
d. Due to legacy systems			

Answer:

Q1. We have provided responses for the first six lines of question 1 on the questionnaire (attached) as these devices are in our physical possession. We are unable to answer the remaining lines on the questionnaire as the Northern Ireland Policing Board (The Board) avails of the Northern Ireland Civil Service centralised IT solution under Digital, Security and Finance Shared Services (DSF). All of the Board's IT equipment, software, IT infrastructure, networks, servers, endpoint security, service support and maintenance/upgrades are managed by IT Assist through this centralised contract.

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Should you require information on services provided by IT Assist, you can contact the DSF FOI email address at foi@finance-ni.gov.uk

If you have queries about this request or the decision, please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service, you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
James House
Block D
2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
The Gasworks
Belfast
BT7 2JA

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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