



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 65/2025

Date: 12 December 2025

Request:

In light of the protracted circumstances that surrounded the full unreacted release of information in my previous FOI 96/2024 please include the following requests for further information as part of the above request dated 01/10/2025 FOI 59/2025.

[1] Please supply me with all details regarding the "Significant amount of work" conducted outside of the meetings by both the Steering Group and the Sub-Group to include all documents and emails between all stake holders and any other persons.

[2] The Process maps produced by the Steering and sub group on their own individual work area.

[3] The Composite end-to-end process map that reflects the problematic areas and/or issues with the existing process.

[4] Details of all the other IOD schemes investigated by the groups in question.

[5] The document that clearly indicates that the streamlining of the system will be rectified by legislative change and the identity of the person or persons making that determination.

Answer:

I can confirm that the Board holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for the Board it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The estimated cost of complying with your request is taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all requests made under the same subject matter. Guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) states that where a public authority claims that section 12 of the FOIA is engaged, as in this case, the public authority should, where reasonable, provide advice and assistance to help the requestor refine their request so that it can be dealt with under the appropriate limit. Unfortunately, in the specific circumstances of your request it is difficult for us to suggest how you could narrow your request.

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
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2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
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You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

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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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