



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 08/2013

Date: 1st March 2013

Request: *Is there anything in the Code of Practice for the Exercise of Functions of PCSPs and District PCSPs or Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, preventing Belfast PCSP from accepting written questions from members of the public?*

Answer: *I can confirm that there is nothing in either the Code of Practice for the Exercise of Functions by Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) and District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs) or the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 which would prevent the Belfast PCSP from accepting written questions from members of the public.*

The Code of Practice for the Exercise of Functions by Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) and District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs) can be accessed via the link below;

<http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/publications/publication-categories/pubs-policing-community-safety/final-code-of-practice-for-the-exercise-of-functions-by-pcsp-and-dpcsp.pdf>

The Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 can be viewed via the link below;

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/24/contents>

In addition, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, I can advise that the Board is currently considering a separate Code of Practice for the Belfast PCSP and DPCSPs, and your views on this matter will be considered as part of these wider deliberations.

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 write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Record number 208642

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
3rd Floor
12 Cromac Place
Gasworks
Ormeau Road
Belfast
BT7 2JB.

Telephone: - 02890 269 380
Email: - ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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