



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Date: 20 May 2013

Request:

In the past week the PSNI via the media have made statements regarding extra holding/prison cells for the G8 summit. Has the Board been consulted on this and can you provide details on this please? Also can the Board confirm or deny that custody visitors will be given access to these cells prior to their use and also will be given access to prisoners during their use?

Answer:

The Board has been kept informed of G8 custody arrangements and the PSNI's plan to utilise existing Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Designated Custody Suites, together with a temporary facility housed within the former St Lucia Army Barracks in Omagh. Designated Custody Suites are regularly visited by the Board's Custody Visitors and a list of these can be found within the reports published at

<http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/index/publications/custody-visitors.htm> .

I can confirm that Custody Visitors will be given access to all cells and detained persons (subject to the consent of the individual) during the G8 summit. The Board plan to publish statistics relating to G8 custody visits once the Performance Committee have considered the information.

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:

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Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
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Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

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The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
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