



## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**FOI Reference number: 31/2017**

**Date: 4 August 2017**

### **Request:**

**The request concerns the proposed joint training college for the Northern Ireland police, fire and prison services at Desertcreat, Co. Tyrone / the Northern Ireland community safety college (the Desertcreat College)**

### **Site selection in / around 2003/2004**

1. Please provide details of the process by which the site at Desertcreat was chosen. Were there public tenders, expressions of interest, or publicly advertised market competitions? When did these take place? To whom were any invitations/ advertisements sent? In accordance with what criteria were recipients chosen?
2. Please provide all Documents held in respect of the request at paragraph 1 above.

### **Answer:**

1. The acquisition of the Desertcreat site was approved by the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) in February 2004 following a publically advertised competition carried out in 2003.
2. Information relating to the criteria for the siting of the Police College, held by the NIPB, is attached.

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# POLICE TRAINING COLLEGE

## Criteria

1. 70-140 acres of flat land;
2. Given the spread of Northern Ireland's population, situation should be ideally to the South and West of Belfast;
3. Close to a major motorway;
4. Capable of extended use development in partnership with both or one of the Province's universities;
5. Capable of PFI development if the latter is required;
6. Capable of development as a world-standard institution;
7. Ease of planning permission.