



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 52/2017

Date: 8th September 2017

Request:

1. Current policing personnel shortfall.
2. Number of Candidates that have passed all 5 recruitment stages waiting for a call to start student officer training.
3. How much additional cost approximately has been generated through the various delays to this recruitment campaign. Eg. due to vetting and medical passes expiring and having to be reprocessed, extra administration.
4. Does the policing board expect all candidates that have passed all 5 stages in recruitment to be called for student officer training for this campaign?
5. What are the cost implications of reducing student officer intake sizes? How much does this change the cost of training each student officer?

Answer:

1. The number of Police Officers employed by PSNI on 1st September 2017 was 6,764. The number of Civilian staff employed by PSNI on 1st September 2017 was 1,983. It is impossible to provide shortfall figures as there are no ceilings by which to calculate shortfalls.
2. The Northern Ireland Policing Board does not hold this information.
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4. The Policing Board expects PSNI to conduct recruitment campaigns in a manner which is fair and equitable and achieves the outcome of selecting the best candidates possible to be trained as PSNI Officers.
5. The Northern Ireland Policing Board does not hold this information.

By way of assistance, requests for information relating to Points 2, 3 and 5 would be more appropriately made to PSNI.

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