

1 March 2024

REFERENCE: FOI/24/15

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information dated 9th February 2024 and detailed below.

Dear Department of Justice (Northern Ireland),

When will PSNI funding next be reviewed?

Will extra money be made available within this financial year?

Will extra money be made available within the next financial year?

Will ring fenced money be provided for a new recruitment campaign for police officers?

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

When will PSNI funding next be reviewed?

PSNI's 2023-24 budget pressures were reviewed and an additional budget allocation was provided by the Department in February 2024 to cover the 2023-24 current forecast pressures.

Will extra money be made available within this financial year?

PSNI received an additional budget allocation from the Department in February 2024 to cover the 2023-24 current forecast pressures.

Will extra money be made available within the next financial year?

Budgets for 2024-25 have not yet been set by the NI Executive and therefore no decisions have been taken regarding funding levels for the next financial year.

Will ring fenced money be provided for a new recruitment campaign for police officers?

PSNI has submitted a bid to the Department for funding of a new recruitment campaign. This bid will be considered and assessed by the Department, alongside bids for funding from other business areas within the Department, within the context of affordability for the overall Departmental budget set by the NI Executive.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager