

20 November 2024

REFERENCE: FOI24\128

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 28th October 2024 and detailed below.

Good morning,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide details of (i) the total resource and capital cost to the Department of implementing the NI Protocol / Windsor Framework in 2024-25; (ii) please provide a breakdown or analysis of the cost; and (iii) total funding allocated to the Department in relation to these costs.

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.

- (i) & (ii) There was no resource or capital cost to the Core Department for implementing the NI Protocol / Windsor Framework in 2024-25. This response does not cover the Department's Agencies or NDPBs.

- (iii) The total funding allocated to the Department in relation to implementing the NI Protocol / Windsor Framework in 2024-25 is shown in the table below:

2024-25 HMT Allocations – NI Protocol / Windsor Framework £'000s Department	Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL	Ring-Fenced Resource DEL	Capital DEL
DOJ	3.768	0.353	0.520
Total	3.768	0.353	0.520

All of this funding was allocated to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). The recording of the information you have requested is a matter for the Chief Constable, who is accountable to the Northern Ireland Policing Board. I am committed to respecting the operational independence of the Chief Constable and the role of the Northern Ireland Policing Board. You may, therefore, wish to direct any query relating to the issues raised in this question to the PSNI. foi@psni.police.uk

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager