



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-00649

**Keyword:** Organisational Information Technology and Equipment

**Subject:** Operation SNAP

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Please detail what consideration has been given to implementing an equivalent to the Operation Snap used by other UK police forces. *(For clarity this refers to the creation of an online portal in which the PSNI would accept dash cam footage from the public showing irresponsible driving. In a recent public consultation by the DFI 74% supported the introduction of a similar scheme.)*

Please outline what work has been done or what consideration has been given to implementing this scheme.

#### Answer 1

PSNI can advise we do intend to introduce a scheme matching Operation Snap used by UK police forces. Research has been conducted with UK forces to establish how the scheme operates and best practice. Enquiries have also been made regarding the technology and training required to run the scheme.

#### Request 2

If a decision to not introduce this or a similar scheme has been made and reasons for.

#### Answer 2

PSNI do intend to introduce a scheme matching Operation Snap.

#### Request 3a

If a decision has been made to implement this scheme, a timeline for implementation.

#### Answer 3a

PSNI can advise we are unable to provide a timeline for the implementation of this scheme as it requires the introduction of a fixed penalty notice for the offence of Careless Driving before we can proceed. The preparation of the Careless Driving fixed penalty is into the final stages.

**Request 3b**

In addition to how it will work?

**Answer 3b**

Footage will be submitted by a member of the public and it will then be reviewed by a suitably trained police officer. This review will ensure that the footage of the alleged offence passes the evidential threshold for further action to be taken against the driver. If an offence has been committed, captured on the footage and passes the review, a notice of intended prosecution will be sent to the last registered owner of the vehicle.

**Request 4**

Please outline expected annual costs of such a scheme, as well as initial set up costs.

**Answer 4**

It is estimated that the scheme will cost £3500 per annum, with an additional £2000 set up cost. This does not include staffing costs. It is anticipated that it will require one trained police constable to review the footage.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.