

4 June 2019

Dear Mr Robertson

In response to your recent FOI please find enclosed our response.

Question -

I am enquiring about your usage of radio communications:

- Do you use the commonly known 'State Codes' used by other British services such as the Metropolitan Police?

If you don't use the same state codes as other services, can you provide a list of your own ones?

Answer -

Belfast Harbour Police do not use 'radio codes' for radio transmissions relating to calls, assignments or officer/unit status although they do use specific radio call signs to identify officers, vehicles and police locations. These call signs consist of NATO Phonetic alphabet (letters) and numbers. The Belfast Harbour Police Tetra Radio System is secure and lists of call signs cannot be released to the public for operational reasons.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 2 months of the date of receipt of this letter and should be addressed to: Roy Adair, Chief Executive who will nominate an officer of BHC to undertake such internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland, 51 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8FE.

Yours sincerely



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