



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 100/2024

Date: 11 December 2024

Request:

1. On what date did the Policing Board move from its previous to its current offices?
2. On what date were staff notified of the date of this move i.e. how many days notice did staff have to prepare?
3. How many days prior to the move was the Policing Board non-operational as a direct result of preparing for the move i.e. packing?
4. How many days following the move was the Policing Board non-operational as a direct result of the move i.e. unpacking?
5. How many total days normal work was lost as a result of the move?
6. On what date did the Policing Board resume full and normal work from their new office?

Answer:

1. The Northern Ireland Policing Board officially moved to its current offices in James House Belfast on Monday 27th March 2023.
2. The Policing Board formally ratified the Department of Finance (DoF) proposal for the Northern Ireland Policing Board to relocate to James House on 7th May 2020. Staff were informed of the move decision and planning and preparations for relocation commenced at this stage.

In line with the proposed completion of certain construction phases at James House, the Northern Ireland Policing Board initially agreed to relocate on the 20th December 2021.

However, due to construction delays, relocation to James House in December 2021 was postponed. In conjunction with updated information from DoF on the new proposed phase completion dates for James House, a new relocation date was set for 6th August 2022. Further construction delays with the final phases of the refurbishment project resulted in this relocation also being postponed. Based on new revised refurbishment project completion dates from DoF, the Northern Ireland Policing Board initially considered a new relocation date in January 2023 but were subsequently informed of further delays that would result in all construction phases being completed in mid-February 2023. Based on this information and in agreement with DoF, the Northern Ireland Policing Board agreed to relocate to James House six weeks after the final

completion of all construction phases in order to mitigate, where possible, against any further construction delays.

Board Members and staff were formally notified of the decision to move on this date on 2nd February 2023.

3. The Northern Ireland Policing Board does not hold information falling within the description specified in your request.
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6. The Northern Ireland Policing Board does not hold information falling within the description specified in your request. The majority of the Board's work returned to normal business following relocation with the first Policing Board meeting held at the James House offices on 4 May 2023.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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