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### Police in NI fund sodomites to the tune of £45,9292.70 over 5 years!!

Paying out such an amount of money (£17,000 of which went to Belfast Pride which organises the parades) it is little wonder that anti-sodomite protesters felt that the police were strongly biased against them. Furthermore, it makes very unlikely that the carrying of blasphemous placards by sodomites in their parades will be pursued by the police.

#### Reply from NSNI to information on its support for sodomites.

Dear Mr. ....,   
FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000

I write in connection with your request for information dated July 15, 2011 which was received by the Police Service of Northern Ireland on July 15, 2011 concerning:

All funding provided by the PSNI in each of the last five years to Rainbow Project and Belfast Pride  
Please find attached response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gordon Reid  
Head of Data Protection and Freedom of Information

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

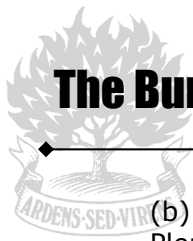
#### Question 1

I note that on the website of the Rainbow Project the PSNI is listed as a funder. Pursuit of the Freedom of Information Act I request a breakdown of all funding provided by the PSNI in each of the last five years. Please also specify for what purpose such funding was provided in each case.

#### Question 2

I note that on the website of Belfast Pride the PSNI are listed as supporters. Pursuit of the Freedom of Information Act I request a breakdown of all funding provided by the PSNI to

(a) Belfast Pride and



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(b) any other lesbian, gay or bisexual group in each of the last five years. Please also specify for what purpose such funding was provided in each case.

### Answer

The Rainbow Project are the organisers of the Belfast Pride Parade. Funding provided to the Rainbow Project is as follows;

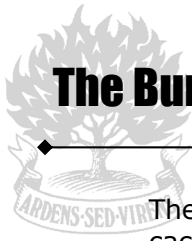
<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
£5000	To Support Pride Parade
<u>2010/2011</u>	
£3500	To Support Pride Parade
£1791.20	Training
£6000	Advocacy Scheme
<u>2009/2010</u>	
£3500	To Support Pride Parade
£1704.50	Training
£9434	Advocacy Scheme
<u>2008/2009</u>	
£10,000	Research into Hate Crime
£2500	To Support Pride Parade
<u>2007/2008</u>	
£2500	To Support Pride Parade

The PSNI Community Safety Branch take the lead on Hate Crime for the service and work with a number of groups on tackling all forms of Hate Crime (sectarian, racist, homophobic, faith, disability and transphobic).

We also have a number of Independent Advisory Groups (IAG), which offer advice to the PSNI and representatives of these groups come from a number of minority group representative organisations. Rainbow are represented on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community IAG and are significant members of this group.

The Community Safety Branch have limited funding to provide to groups to support their work and on joint initiatives with PSNI.

In regard to the Rainbow Project, PSNI have provided funding for initiatives such as Hate Crime billboard adverts, support for LGBT events, such as IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia) and the annual Pride event. All of these events provide a platform for the PSNI to offer support and advice to members of the LGBT community at these events, which we also attend.



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The PSNI have also provided funding along with other partners, for the LGBT Advocacy worker at the Rainbow project. Further information on the Advocacy Scheme can be found using the link below;

[http://www.psni.police.uk/lgbt\\_advocacy\\_scheme\\_launch\\_100610](http://www.psni.police.uk/lgbt_advocacy_scheme_launch_100610)

The PSNI do not provide funding for any running costs of the Rainbow Project and as the organisation is an umbrella organisation for other LGBT groups, we do not provide any funding to any other LGBT representative groups.

The PSNI also provide assistance to other minority representative groups such as Chinese Welfare Association and Belfast Islamic Centre.

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 Freedom of Information Team, 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 Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. 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 his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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