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I refer to your email dated of 18 November 2020 in which you asked for information regarding job titles and management structure of the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked for the following:

“Could you please provide up to date Names, Job Titles, telephone numbers and email addresses for the following;

Chief Executive

Deputy Chief Executive

Ministers and Ministerial team (if applicable)

Chair

Chief Information Officer

Chief Digital Officer

Senior Information Risk Owner

Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology

Director / Head of Finance Chief / Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Head of Cyber Security

Independent, fair and effective

Head / Director of People

Heads of change / Transformation / Improvement

Department Directors / Heads

Board members (if applicable)

Or the equivalent job titles in your organisation.

In addition if you have an up to date 2020 senior staff organisation or structure chart could you please forward a copy to me in either Excel or pdf format.”

In response I can advise you that a significant amount of what you require is already available on the PPS Website at www.ppsni.gov.uk and is therefore accessible by other means. However please see below:

Job Title	PPS Equivalent	Name
Chief Executive	Director	Stephen Herron
Deputy Chief Executive	Deputy Director	Michael Agnew
Ministers and Ministerial team (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
Chair	N/A	N/A
Chief Information Officer		The PPS Data Protection Officer is Seth Speirs
Chief Digital Officer		N/A
Senior Information Risk Owner		Ian Hearst
Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology		Ian Hearst
Director / Head of Finance		Ian Hearst
Chief / Deputy Chief Operating Officer	Head of Resources and Change/Senior Assistant Director	Ian Hearst
Head of Cyber Security		Ian Hearst
Head / Director of People		Ian Hearst
Heads of change / Transformation / Improvement		Ian Hearst
Department Directors / Heads		See website under “Our Structure”
Board Members (if applicable)		David Best & Glenn Houston are both Non-Executive, the others are Director, Deputy Director and two Senior Assistant Directors

The PPS 2020 senior staff organisation or structure chart can be found at page 14 of the Annual Report and Resource Accounts: <https://www.ppsni.gov.uk/publications/annual-report-and-resource-accounts-2019-20>

As we do not provide personal e-mails or telephone numbers, any emails for the attention of PPS staff can be sent to the following address Info@ppsni.gov.uk. Our telephone number is: 02890 897100.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

PPS FOI Section