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*Dear Mr Hilditch,*

**To ask the Minister of Justice what measures are in place to ensure that PSNI officers retain their physical fitness.** 7873/10

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

There are now exercise facilities in most police sites. In addition, officers attached to specialist units are also required to complete periodic physical competence assessments (job related fitness tests). Subject to available resources, we will also be introducing in service health and fitness checks through a rolling programme, which will include all officers in due course.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

*Yours sincerely,*  
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