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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-05307

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Request:

Please could I have copies of the documents handed by officers in your force to illegal immigrants, who have just arrived in the UK and are instructed to make their own way to an immigration detention centre to report their arrival in the country. I understand that in such circumstances illegal immigrants are handed instructions and a map.

Answer:

The Police Service of Northern Ireland Immigration Team and Foreign Nationals Unit hold no documents of the type specified in your request. I have therefore determined that the information you seek is not held by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

For your information, Northern Ireland does not have an Immigration Centre. Scotland and Northern Ireland form one of the six Border and Immigration Agency regions, with the nearest immigration centre being in Scotland.

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

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.

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