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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2008-04015

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY - DV DIRECTIVE 08/09

### Request:

I am conducting research in the area of domestic violence and have been advised that PSNI have a domestic violence policy and have recently undertaken a Best Value Review entitled Protecting Vulnerable People. I have been able to access this document and the 02/04 Policy Directive on DV. I understand that a further DV directive 08/09 has recently become operational however I have been unable to source this document on your web site. I am requesting access to this document for the purposes of research and comment in my dissertation and I am also seeking permission to refer to the 02/04 directive and the Best Value documents in a similar fashion.

### Answer:

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.

Please find attached the new policy directive as requested. You may refer to the 02/04 directive in your dissertation, however please note that these directives are now cancelled due to the new directive taking over.

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 email.

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 all PSNI replies under Freedom of Information will be released simultaneously 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.