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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01856

Keyword: Crime

Subject: FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of people convicted to date under sections 1-4 of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003. I am requesting the number of people convicted, the names of those convicted, the date of each conviction, the section under which each was convicted, and the sentence each received.

Question 2

The number of people charged but not convicted to date under sections 1-4 of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003. I am requesting the number of people charged, the names of those charged, the section under which each was charged, and whether each individual was not convicted because they were found not guilty or acquitted at trial, if the charges were dropped pre- or mid-trial, or if their trial is still ongoing.

Question 3

The number of people arrested to date on suspicion of committing criminal offences under sections 1-4 of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have carried out searches with the PSNI's Information and Communication Services Department, and the Public Protection Units, who have advised that no information can be located concerning your request.

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.