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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00146

Keyword: Crime

Subject: MISSING/UNACCOUNTED REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Request and 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.

Question 1

The number of registered sex offenders in Northern Ireland, which the PSNI currently considers to be missing, or are unaccounted for.

Answer

Presently we have 5 sex offenders who are missing: all are believed to be outside the UK jurisdiction.

Question 2

I also request information as to the date since which each sex offender so considered has been missing or unaccounted for.

Question 3

Furthermore, I request information as to the council area each 'missing' sex offender is supposed to be residing in.

Answer

1 went missing in 1998 and is still outstanding from C District North, Down.
1 went missing in 2006 and is still outstanding from A District, Belfast.
2 went missing in 2007 and are still outstanding from D District, Lisburn & C District, Castlereagh.
1 went missing in 2008 and is still outstanding from F District, Dungannon.

You will note that the information above is categorised by police district and area and not council area as requested. This is because the PSNI do not hold this information categorised by Council Area so I have released the information by the closest possible alternative available.

Question 4

The latest available information with regards to the total number of registered sex offenders in Northern Ireland.

Answer

As at 06/01/09 there were 850 registered sex offenders in Northern Ireland.

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.

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