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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01201

Keyword: Crime

Subject: SPOT FINES FOR DRINK RELATED OFFENCES - UNDER 18'S

Request and Answer:

Question

The number of under-18s who were given penalty notices for disorder for being drunk and disorderly in public during the financial year 2008, broken down by age and sex and the same information for the financial years 2006 and 2007.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold the information to which you seek access. The PSNI do not currently operate any such system where "drunk and disorderly" offences are dealt with by way of "on the spot fines". I have interpreted your request to mean Public Order or similar offences where the consumption of alcohol has been a factor.

For your information a previous request on this subject, which was answered in the same way is available to view on our publication scheme or by clicking on this hyperlink; http://www.psni.police.uk/spot_fines.pdf

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.