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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03355

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** 'INFERNO' DISCO HELD AT ODYSSEY, BELFAST - 15 FEBRUARY 2009

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

*On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009 an Under 18 disco called INFERNO was held in the Odyssey Complex in Belfast. There was an incident at this when thousands of young people tried to force entry to the complex. I understand this may have led to various correspondence between police, council officials and other parties.*

*Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act I hereby request copies of any of the following information or records held by PSNI.*

Copies of any letters complaints, emails or other correspondence in relation to this matter

#### Question 2

Copies held by you of any reports or evaluations prepared by Police or Council Officials on this matter but excluding any reports on criminal investigations arising from the events.

#### Question 3

Details of any recommendations made by Police or Council officials in respect of this matter and steps to prevent / reduce risks at future similar events.

#### Question 4

Copies of any correspondence PSNI to the parties involved.

#### Question 5

Copies of any related internal emails and memoranda between police staff on these issues.

#### 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 does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Due to Health and Safety concerns about the large numbers trying to gain admittance, the event was prevented from going ahead by police. No complaints or arrests have been made in respect of this event.

Police attended meetings with the council and the event organisers but did not enter into any correspondence with either party and as any meetings held were not run by police they were not minuted by police.

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 PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released 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.