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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02473

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: SUICIDES / ATTEMPTS INVESTIGATED BY POLICE - F DISTRICT

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please provide the number of suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area between January 1 2009 and June 30 2009

Answer

The number of suicides reported/investigated by Police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area between January 2009 and June 2009 was 7.

Question 3

Please provide the number of suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area during 2008

Answer

The number of suicides reported/investigated by Police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone during 2008 from 17 February 2008 was 16.

Question 5

Please provide the number of suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area during 2007

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches only located the following:

The number of suicides reported/investigated by Police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone during 2007 was 1.

Due to offices in local stations being amalgamated due to the restructuring of PSNI Districts, this figure may not be accurate as we cannot be guaranteed that all relevant information has been located.

As far as suicides are concerned, Coroners make the decision if a death is a suicide or not and would recommend any police investigation, so an enquiry with them under the Freedom of Information Act would provide better and more accurate statistics.

For your information see link provided if you wish to make a request to the Coroners office:

<http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/AboutUs/Freedom+of+Information/About+Us+--+Freedom+of+Information.htm>

Question 2

Please provide the number of attempted suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area between January 1 2009 and June 30 2009.

Question 4

Please provide the number of attempted suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area during 2008

Question 6

Please provide the number of attempted suicides reported to and/or investigated by police in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area during 2007

Answer

The cost of complying with your request for information in questions 2, 4 and 6 would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450. To retrieve the information you have requested about the attempted suicides would involve staff trawling through all occurrences and examining every individual entry. This would be a labour intensive and time consuming task.

I have also considered whether I can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit, however, due to the nature and structure of this request makes this impossible.

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

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.