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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00249

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Births & Deaths Register

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1a)

I am researching birth registration as covered by the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

I would like to know between 4 November 2001 (formation of PSNI) and 28 January 2010;

Full details, circumstances and outcome of any instances whereby the PSNI have arrested someone and been unable to ascertain their identity.

#### Question 1b)

Full details and circumstances and outcome of any instances whereby the PSNI have had to approach the General Registrars Office to ascertain the identity of anyone they have held in custody.

#### Question 1c)

Full details and circumstances and outcome of any instances the PSNI have investigated, arrested or charged anyone under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

### Answer

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450. To provide the information requested, would require a manual trawl of custody records and interrogation of various systems and databases. It is estimated this would take approximately 40 hours for one district alone. This process would greatly exceed the set limit of 18 hours.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

The PSNI have also considered whether they can be of assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit however, the nature and structure of the information unfortunately, makes this impossible.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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 letter.

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.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.