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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-03028

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cases Referred to Crime Operations

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

With respect to the 22 murder cases involving 23 victims since the beginning of 2009 that have been referred by the HET to Crime Operations, CAJ requests a detailed breakdown of the specific branches to which the cases have been referred, ie: Organized Crime (C1); Serious Crime (C2); Intelligence (C3); and, Crime Operations Support (C4).

Answer

The HET refers its cases to Crime Operations branch. (C2)

Question 2

For 2006, 2007 & 2008 the number and nature of cases referred by the HET to Crime Operations

Answer

The HET did not refer any cases to the PSNI before 2009.

Question 3

Also, a detailed breakdown of the number of cases referred to each specific branch of Crime Operations, ie: Organized Crime (C1); Serious Crime (C2); Intelligence (C3); and, Crime Operations Support (C4).

Answer

As all our cases are murder they are referred to C2.

Question 4

Also the criteria used to determine the need for referral to the specialist branch.

Answer

Once HET has carried out a review and identifies evidence that a person may have committed a

serious offence then that case is referred to C2 (Crime Operations) and then it is a decision for C2 to take further action.

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 letter.

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