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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02438

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** PSNI policy on evidence from CCTV systems

**Request and Answer:**

### Request

Can you please provide me with a copy of what I believe is the PSNI Policy on Handling, Labelling and Storage of Evidence from CCTV Systems. In addition can you please provide me with any other PSNI policies on handling of electronic / CCTV evidence and also evidence continuity management.

### Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Under Section 22 (1) of the Act the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is not obliged to disclose information that is held with a view to its publication at some future date.

Section 22 is a class based qualified exemption which means that the legislators have identified that the public interest considerations need to be evidenced and articulated to the applicant.

### Public Interest Test

#### Section 22

#### Disclosure

To show that the PSNI are open and transparent on Handling, Labelling and Storage of Evidence from CCTV Systems.

#### Non-disclosure

The publication date is imminent.

Internal Processes regarding publication of Service Procedures must be followed to ensure corporacy throughout the organisation.

The information you requested is intended to be published imminently by the PSNI and will be made available on the below link.

[http://www.psni.police.uk/service\\_procedures](http://www.psni.police.uk/service_procedures)

If you have any queries regarding your request please write or contact the Freedom of Information Team on 028 9070 0164. Please remember to quote the reference number listed above in any future communications with the Freedom of Information Team.

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.

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