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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 01851

Keyword: Crime

Subject: CHILDREN AGED 10 AND UNDER WHO HAVE DNA/FINGERPRINT RECORDED

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you.

Question 1

I would like to know the number of children aged 10 and under who have their DNA / finger prints stored on the police national database and/or any other database.

I would like this broken down by year for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 (so far).

Answer 1

PSNI hold the DNA profile of 1 child aged 10 at the time of their arrest for a recordable offence in 2009. No DNA is held for children aged under 10. No fingerprints are held on PSNI databases for children aged 10 or under.

Section 16 Advice and Assistance

Information which may be of interest to you regarding the police national database, can be found by accessing the following link:

<http://www.npia.police.uk/en/15091.htm>

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 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.

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

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