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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00393

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Psychics/Clairvoyants

### Request and Answer:

I refer to your request for information dated February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 which was received by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) on the same. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Copies of the force's procedures where the subject of working with psychics, or clairvoyants is mentioned.
2. Copies of the force's policies where the subject of working with psychics, or clairvoyants is mentioned.

Please note that you do not need to send me the entire policy or procedure document, just the parts where the relevant information is held.

3. Please also disclose the number of cases where a psychic or clairvoyant has received payment from the police as a result of helping police with their investigations. Please provide a breakdown of the payments, and the details of the case they were involved in.

Please provide this information for the following years: 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008 and 2009.

If you anticipate that this request will exceed the cost limit please provide information for the most recent years first and work backwards until the cost limit is reached.

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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

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