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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00545

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Youths - Warnings Reprimands and Convictions

### Request and Answer:

Our records indicate that the Police Service of Northern Ireland complied with a previous request on February 22, 2010 (F-2010-00202).

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

Section 12(4)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that where more than one request, relating to similar information, is received from one individual, the estimated cost for complying with one of the requests can be taken to be the aggregated cost of complying with all of the requests, as long as the requests are received within 60 working days. The factors considered in complying with your requests for information are:

- Determining whether the information is held;
- Locating the information
- Retrieving the information
- Extracting information to be disclosed from other information

Request 1 – cost of complying = £255.00

Request 2 – cost of complying = £262.50

Total cost of complying = £517.50

Although the cost of complying with request 2 is within the limit set by the Secretary of State I can advise that the aggregated cost of complying with your multiple requests for information would exceed the “appropriate level” under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 and a response to request 2 is refused.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have also considered whether we can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the request limit,

however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately, makes this impossible. Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I have provided some information below which has been retrieved within the appropriate limit in response to your request.

### **Question 1**

For those youths aged 10 to 15, what is the age of the youth within your force area with the largest total number of warnings, reprimands and convictions.

### **Answer**

The youth with the largest total number of warnings, reprimands and convictions is aged 15.

### **Question 2**

Please also provide the name of the town or City where the youth lives.

### **Answer**

The youth resides in Belfast.

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.

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.