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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01021

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme

Request and Answer:

Question

I am looking for information on the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme.

Specifically, could you please provide me with the following details:

1. The number of enquiries regarding the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme that the force have received since the scheme was first introduced.
2. The number of applications under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme that the force have received since the scheme was first introduced.
3. The number of disclosures about registered child sex offenders that have been made by the force following enquiries or applications under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme since the scheme was first introduced.
4. The number of referrals that have been made to children's social services following enquiries or applications under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme since the scheme was first introduced.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not currently operate this scheme therefore there are no figures available. 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.

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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