



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F 2011 01520

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Human Trafficking

### Request and Answer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please provide me with the following information:

#### Question 1

Please provide me with all the information held in relation to any decisions concerning projected future spend and resource allocation in relation to the PSNI resources to deal with the issue of human trafficking

#### Question 2

My request includes speculative budget projections and any discussion or correspondence directly relating to the allocation of PSNI resources in relation to human trafficking.

#### Question 3

Also please provide me with all the information held in relation to projections or assessments on the scope or level of human trafficking in Northern Ireland

In relation to the cost expenditure under the FOI legislation please note I am willing to receive any information released in whatever format that would be least costly.

Enquiries have been carried out and I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Section 16 Advice and Assistance

However, I can provide the following information that may be of some assistance to you:

No dedicated resources are allocated to this crime type, rather it is based on operational assessment considering risk, harm and scale of the investigation and as such resources are allocated accordingly.

No information is available within the PSNI as to the projections or assessments on the scope or level of human trafficking in Northern Ireland.

This particular criminal activity, committed by Organised Crime Gangs has seen victims being moved

into, out of and within Northern Ireland for the purposes of exploitation. The PSNI considers this to be a crime that impacts directly upon vulnerable members of society who may not be in a position to readily seek the assistance of law enforcement. Any report of human trafficking is investigated with the needs of the victim to the fore and with the objective of rescuing them from the exploitative situation.

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.