



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-03616

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Information for a Victim

### Request and Answer:

I would like to request information concerning all guidance given to PSNI from the Home Office and/or any other third parties concerning what details which can be passed on to a victim, i.e. me as a victim of 1991 IRA kidnapping case;

### Question 1

Please supply all information, including guidance, (and protocols), on what information I can be given as a victim with regard to FIOA and DPA requests.

### Question 2

Please confirm if any instructions or guidance exists, (and protocols), on how PSNI, your office handle my case (xxxxxxxxxxxxx, 08/08/1991 kidnapping case), including my requests to DPA, FIO, if so, I would like a copy of this material, information.

### Answer 1 and 2

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

The PSNI deal with all in accordance with the legislative regime and no specific advice is contained in either the Freedom Of Information or Data Protection Acts for a victim. Regarding investigations, the organisation and the Senior Investigating Officers take all the necessary steps to protect information.

The Policy for Victims of Crime

[http://www.psni.police.uk/05-06\\_policy\\_directive\\_version\\_5.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/05-06_policy_directive_version_5.pdf)

The Policy for Freedom Of Information

[http://www.psni.police.uk/policy\\_directive\\_0304.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/policy_directive_0304.pdf)

The Department of Justice Guide for Victims

[http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/a\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_northern\\_ireland\\_criminal\\_justice\\_system\\_for\\_victims\\_and\\_witnesses\\_of\\_crime.pdf](http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/a_guide_to_the_northern_ireland_criminal_justice_system_for_victims_and_witnesses_of_crime.pdf)

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

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