



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-03637

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Murder and Manslaughter Crimes

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to question 1 and 3 in full; and
- fully exempt information in response to question 2 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Act.

### Question 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding incidents being treated as murder, manslaughter or culpable homicide committed between 1st January 2011 and 23rd September 2011.

I would like the information to include the number of incidents which have occurred.

### Answer

There have been 14 homicide offences from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to the date of your request. Please note; information from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 is provisional and may be subject to change.

### Question 2

The name and age of the victim. (If a name cannot be given, I would instead request that the gender and age of the victim be supplied).

### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c)

states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

### Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

Information in relation to the victims including names, ages and gender can be accessed on the PSNI's news archive pages and the BBC website using the links below;

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index/news-archive/news-2011.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12517618>

### Question 3

The date of the crime/ date on which it was notified to the police.

### Answer

Please see information on crime/report dates provided below;

Date of offence	Report date
13/01/2011	13/01/2011
20/02/2011	20/02/2011
26/02/2011	26/02/2011
07/03/2011	07/03/2011
07/03/2011	07/03/2011
11/03/2011	11/03/2011
02/04/2011	02/04/2011
03/04/2011	03/04/2011
23/04/2011	23/04/2011
28/04/2011	30/04/2011
13/05/2011	13/05/2011
23/05/2011	23/05/2011
16/07/2011	16/07/2011
14/08/2011	14/08/2011

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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