



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02673

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Criteria Matrix

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Does your force use a 'criteria matrix' or similar to determine which reports of fraud to pursue? What is the minimum loss relating to the fraud required for it to be pursued?

#### Question 2

Does your force use a 'criteria matrix' or similar to determine which reports of other categories of crime to pursue? If so, which categories of crime?

#### Question 3

For each of the last five calendar years, starting on January 1st 2007 and ending August 1st 2011, how many reports of crime were not acted upon as they fell outside the criteria matrix? Please provide a breakdown by types of reported offence.

#### Question 4

For each criteria matrix that has been used at any point between January 1st 2007 and August 1st 2011, please tell me the date on which it was introduced and if applicable the date on which it ceased to be used.

#### Question 5

Please provide copies of any criteria matrices that have been used at any point between January 1st 2007 and August 1st 2011.

### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold the information to which you seek access.

I contacted several branches within the PSNI and have been advised that the PSNI investigate all crime and have no such criteria matrix.

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.

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