



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-04078

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Sex Offenders

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question 1

The number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown by the police (after failing to comply with notification requirements).

Answer

In relation to the number of registered sexual offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, PSNI has as of the date of your request 0 RSOs currently recorded as wanted because their whereabouts are unknown. This total is only valid for the date in question because the information is dynamic and will change as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing or routine visits to registered offenders.

Question 2

For each 'missing' offender, please outline:

- the length of time they have been missing
- the crime they committed
- what efforts have been made to find them
- whether it is believed they are abroad

Answer

Not applicable as per response to Question 1.

Question 3

The total number of registered sex offenders in the area.

Answer

As of 14th December 2011 the total number of sex offenders required to register is 914.

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.

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.