



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02693

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Sex Offenders In The Fermanagh Area

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you tell me how many registered sex offenders are living in the Fermanagh area?

Answer

I have been advised by F District Public Protection Unit (PPU) that as of 17th August 2011 there are 34 Registered Sex Offenders living in the Fermanagh policing area. All Registered Sex Offenders are subject to risk assessment and risk management in accordance with Public Protection Arrangements for Northern Ireland.

Question

Also, how many violent sexual offenders are there in the Fermanagh area and how many offenders had been cautioned or convicted for breaches of their requirement over the past five years?

Answer

Under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 there is no differentiation between sexual offences and violent sexual offences and because of this we do not directly record this information. The PPU have however advised that of the current Registered Sex Offenders living in the Fermanagh area 5 of them involved the use of violence in their offending.

Over the past 3 years (PPU were not in existence 5 years ago) there have been 3 prosecutions for failing to comply with the Notification Requirements or breach of prohibitive orders from those persons currently registered as sex offenders within Fermanagh

For your information the breakdown of persons on the register per police district along with other information is released annually in the Public Protection Northern Ireland report. This can be viewed at

<http://www.publicprotectionni.com/>

however please note this site is being upgraded and is currently under construction.

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.

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