



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01988

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Relaxing of Passport and ID Checks at Airports

Request and Answer:

Question 1

On what date last year was the PSNI made aware that Passport & ID checks would be relaxed at both Belfast international airport & Belfast city airport?

Question 2

Was the PSNI consulted by the UK Border Agency or Home Office about the relaxing of Passport & ID checks at both Belfast international airport & Belfast city airport last year - if so could you provide details ?

Question 3

Can the PSNI give any estimates on the number of people human trafficked, Terrorists or Drug Dealers who may have gotten into Northern Ireland as a result of Passport & ID checks being relaxed at both Belfast international airport & Belfast city airport last year?

Answer

Searches were conducted unfortunately 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 does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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