



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-03384

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Reported Crimes Not Investigated

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please provide information on crimes reported to PSNI for the financial years 2010\2011 and 2011/12 which were not deemed worthy of further investigation after an initial assessment.

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 does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Unlike some forces in England and Wales, the PSNI does not have a formal service wide crime screening policy that involves a system of screening in/out initial investigations for further enquiries. Therefore there is no automated way of auditing any 'initial assessment' stage on our crime investigation system (Niche).

Instead every crime is subject to an investigation following standards set within National Occupational Standards and commensurate with the evidence available and seriousness and impact of the crime.

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.