



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02740

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Brothels In Omagh

### 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

How many brothels have been discovered by police in the Omagh District area in each of the last five years?

#### Answer

I have been advised that 8 locations have been investigated as brothels or locations from which persons solicit sex.

2012 – 2

2011 - 3

2010 - 2

2008 - 1

#### Question

Where were they located?

#### Answer

All were located in the Omagh Town area.

#### Question

How many arrests for prostitution or soliciting sex have been made in the Omagh District area in each of the past five years?

#### Answer

I have been advised that 2 arrests have been made.

PSNI can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relating to this request and with regard to an exempt body as the duty in section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this area.

The Serious Organised Crime Agency is an exempt body as detailed within Section 23(3). Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held which relates to an exempt body would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

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](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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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