



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00562

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Penalty Notices Issued to Women

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

Question 1

In the last calendar year 1.1.2011 to 31.12.2011 how many penalty notices for disorder did you issue to women?

Question 2

How many of these women were aged under 21?

Question 3

In the same time period (a) how many PND's were issued to women for being drunk and disorderly (DA06) and (b) how many of these were issued to women aged under 21?

Answer

Searches were conducted for the information you have requested, however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. There is no legal power to issue Penalty Notices for disorder as this Legislation has not commenced in PSNI; therefore no Penalty Notices have been issued.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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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