



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00753

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Criminal Use of Firearms

Request and Answer:

Question

Is the criminal use of firearms a priority policing issue for the PSNI in F District?

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. The Freedom of Information Act only applies to **recorded information** held by a public authority.

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

I can however advise you that F District has a number of key policing priorities, which come as a result of the assessment of crime within the district, on a six month review basis. This prioritising of crime is necessary in order to focus resources against those crimes most impacting the district. Whilst criminality with a firearm is not a stand alone priority, it comes under the district priority of violent crime.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnipolice.uk

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