



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00972

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Applications for Disclosure to the Family Court Division

Request and Answer:

Question 1

When the PSNI, Legal Services Branch make an Application for Disclosure to the Family Court Division in order to investigate a crime;

How many applications have been made since 2002, and;

Question 2

What Police Districts were they made on behalf of, and how many applications have been successful?

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.

Legal Services Branch has advised that they do not hold such information because Legal Services Branch do not make applications for disclosure to the Family Court Division in order to investigate crime. They have been involved in applications for disclosure in the family court; however such applications are for access to PSNI documents.

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.psni.police.uk

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