



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02621

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Sex Offenders Register

Request and Answer:

Question

Following the decision of the Supreme Court in February last year that convicted sex offenders who have been placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for life can now apply to be taken off it, I would like to know the following:

- 1) - Have any convicted sex offenders in your force area applied to come off the register since February 2011?
- 2) - If so, how many. And how many of these applicants have been successful and are now no longer on the register?
- 3) - Of those that have been successful in coming off the register, are any checks at all still made on them by the police or any other agency?
- 4) - Are you able to give any personal details about those that have been successful in coming off the register i.e. name, age, picture, details of offence for which they were placed on the register, length of sentence.
- 5) - Have any of those that have come off the register been arrested, charged or convicted of any offence since coming off it?

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 Legislation in relation to this ruling has not yet been applied to Northern Ireland. The consultation process is still ongoing.

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

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.