



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01550

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Vulnerable Adults

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

The report was published in November 2011 and commissioned by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and I am trying to ascertain whether there is a vulnerable adult/safeguarding team within PSNI?

Answer

The PSNI has a Public Protection Unit in each of its eight districts. Each of these teams has at least one dedicated Adult Safeguarding Officer.

Where the crime in question is of a complex financial nature the Adult Safeguarding Officer has the opportunity to refer the case to a financial investigator attached to the District Criminal Investigation Department. Depending on the nature of the vulnerability of the adult concerned the case may be handed over to the financial investigator or if more appropriate remain with the Adult Safeguarding Officer to work in partnership with the financial investigator. At all times the needs of the victim will be paramount and will guide the process.

Question 2

Does the scope of the report extend to Northern Ireland or is there a similar initiative in relation to vulnerable adults and financial crime?

Answer

The PSNI is an ACPO service and takes cognizance of reports produced by that body.

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

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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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