



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04574

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Complaints Of Child Abuse Re Whiteabbey Training School

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many complaints were made to the relevant Police Constabulary at the time about child sexual abuse at Whiteabbey Training School Slieve na Failte 614 Shore Road Whiteabbey Newtownabbey Co Antrim, performed by staff, management or owners or complaints of child sexual abuse performed by external people to the School? The years concerned would have been 1965 to 1970 inclusive.

Question 2

Are there any Reports regarding child sexual abuse at or concerning anyone from the home around this time?

Question 3

How many children ran away to the police between these years from this School?

Answer

Searches were conducted for information relating to child sexual abuse at Whiteabbey Training School Slieve na Failte for 1965 up to 1970, however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. The FOI Unit has been advised that records held within the Crime Registry start at 1970 onwards and are indexed mainly via the name of the offender and victim by year.

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.

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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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