



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01328

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Domestic Extremism Data Base

Request and Answer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of any domestic extremism databases compiled by the PSNI, which are similar to that which has been created by the Metropolitan Police as part of the National Public Order Intelligence Unit (NPOIU). For more information, this topic was recently highlighted in a Channel 4 news report:

I would specifically like the following details:

Question 1

Has a similar "domestic extremism database" been set up by the PSNI?

Question 2

If this is the case, please disclose when this was set up; and the total number of individuals recorded on the database

Question 3

How many of these people have a criminal record?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold a Domestic Extremism Database and accordingly I have determined that the PSNI cannot provide 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.psnj.police.uk

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