



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05450

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Child Sex Abuse

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many live inquiries into child sexual abuse are there currently within your force area?

- "Live inquiry" being defined as an investigation into an allegation of child sexual abuse being started by officers in your force. This would include any report which has been passed to your force by social services which define a child as being "at risk". - "child sexual abuse" being defined by the CPS as such here:

http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/a_to_c/child_sexual_abuse/#a35

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.

The PSNI currently have 718 live investigations.

N.B. This information was retrieved from all PSNI policing districts during the period 18th to 27th November 2014. As this is live data the information can change on a daily basis.

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 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.

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