



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00056

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Human Trafficking

Request and Answer:

Can I have the following information for the years, 2011, 2012 and 2013 please?

Question 1

I would like to know how many raids there have been in relation to human trafficking in both the Cookstown and Dungannon areas (separately).

Answer

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

Please see the table below which details the number of searches conducted in relation to Human trafficking in Dungannon and Cookstown for the years requested.

Year	Dungannon	Cookstown
2011	0	0
2012	3	0
2013	0	0

Question 2

And again how many arrests were made in both towns for the offence of human trafficking, in how many separate incidents?

Answer

There were no arrests made for either location in any of the years requested.

Question 3

How many women were freed as a result of police operations in the both areas, where were they from and were there any children involved?

Answer

No women were freed during any of the searches and no children were involved.

Question 4

And did the arrests lead to any charges?

Answer

There were no arrests so no-one has been charged.

The PSNI can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based and absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

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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