



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-04662

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Incidents Involving Fancy Dress

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information: Information relating to incidents in which the force has been called to deal with people wearing fancy dress costumes.

I would like the following for each incident that has occurred since October 1 2013:

The date and location of the incident

The type(s) of fancy dress costume(s) involved

The nature of the incident - e.g. suspicious circumstances, criminal damage - and, if possible, a brief description of what occurred.

The outcome of the incident - e.g. whether anyone was arrested/cautioned etc.

#### 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.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 one incident has been recorded where PSNI received a call for service and the words 'fancy dress' appeared and where the call was asking for police to deal with individuals. Please find below details of the incident.

**Date and Location of Incident** - 27/10/13 Night Club Car Park

**Type of Fancy Dress Costume** - Not recorded

**Nature of Incident** - Female reported that a male in fancy dress had approached her and exposed himself.

**Outcome of incident** – Male arrested.

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](mailto: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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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