



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-03234

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Persons Currently On Police Bail

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Please state the number of people currently on police bail (under investigation and awaiting a decision on charges) after being arrested by your force.

#### Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

I have been advised that as of 31<sup>st</sup> July records show there are 2012 unique individuals on police bail.

#### Question 2

And if within time/cost limit:

Of the people in part 1 what is the longest amount of time that an individual has been on police bail without charge.

#### Answer

As of 31<sup>st</sup> July records show the longest time an individual has been on police bail is 912 days

#### Question 3

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than six months.

#### Answer

In order to respond to this question we have taken 6 months to be 180 days and can advise that as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 270 unique individuals have been on police bail for longer than 180 days.

Please note that PSNI response to your request is unique and should not be used as a comparison with any other Force response you receive.

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.

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