Personal, Professional, Protective Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2014-00055

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sexual Offences

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the responses are as follows.

In relation to Questions 1 - 6 inclusive, the legislation for Northern Ireland is Article 64A of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008, rather than S.53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as this legislation relates to England and Wales. PSNI have one offence that relates to this legislation: ***Paying for Sexual Services of a Prostitute Subjected to Exploitative Conduct.***

Question 1
The number of people arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 2
The number of people charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 3
The number of people aged under 18-years-old arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 4
The number of people aged under 18-years-old charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 5
The age of the youngest person arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Not applicable.

Question 6
The age of the youngest person charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Not applicable.

Answer
In relation to Questions 1 - 6 inclusive, the legislation for Northern Ireland is Article 64A of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008, rather than S.53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as this legislation relates to England and Wales. PSNI have one offence that relates to this legislation: ***Paying for Sexual Services of a Prostitute Subjected to Exploitative Conduct*** and there have been no arrests/charges in connection with the offence.

In relation to Questions 7-12 inclusive, the legislation for Northern Ireland is Article 60 of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 rather than section 51A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. PSNI have two offences that relate to this legislation: ***Kerb Crawling From a Vehicle*** and ***Kerb Crawling in Vicinity of a Vehicle***

Question 7
The number of people arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
1 person arrested.

Question 8
The number of people charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 9
The number of people aged under 18-years-old arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 10
The number of people aged under 18-years-old charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Zero.

Question 11
The age of the youngest person arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
74 years old.

Question 12
The age of the youngest person charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010.

Answer
Not applicable, no persons charged.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons PSNI's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may 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.

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

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