



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-05681

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Disclosure Of Information On Sex Offenders

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

1. Since the introduction of the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme, otherwise known as "Sarah's Law", up to 31.10.2014 how many requests has your force received asking if someone who has sufficient access to children has a sex offender's record?
2. How many of the requests were of a positive nature with the subject having a sex offender's record AND you disclosed the conviction to an interested party? Of these positive returns how many of the individuals were registered sex offenders and how many were NOT registered sex offenders?
3. Of the most recent ten cases up to 31.10.14 where you disclosed an offender's record please state the main/primary offence that caused concern?

#### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Note: This is due to the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme, otherwise known as 'Sarah's Law' not being in force within Northern Ireland.

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.