



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-05612

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Drug Raids On Properties In South Lurgan Area August 2013 To Date

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information on the number of drug raids on properties situated in South Lurgan area which incorporates the estates of Mourneview, Grey, Hospital, Avenue Rd and Queen St /Ballyblagh areas. The time scale I would like to be included would be from August 2013 until the date of this email.

#### 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.

In the geographical area described in your request and between August 1, 2013 and November 18, 2013 there were 10 drugs searches.

#### Question 2

I would also like to request the amount of arrests made in relation to these raids and how many charges have been brought including those pending.

There were 5 arrests made in connection to these raids with 5 prosecutions and 2 pending prosecution. I can advise that the reason for the difference in the figures is that it was possible to prosecute without arrest being necessary.

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.