



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-06333

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: PSNI Communication With Proscribed Organisations

Request and Answer:

Question 1

A copy of the PSNI internal guidelines for communicating and holding 'quiet conversations' with proscribed organisations?

Question 2

A copy of the guidelines that give PSNI the discretion to pretend that a person is acting lawfully so as to use their influence to defuse potentially serious public order situations whilst at the same time inducing them and others to commit further offences that PSNI can later arrest them for. This would be known universally as 'entrapment'.

Question 3

What channel of communication did the PSNI use as a firewall when approaching a proscribed organisation to assist in the facilitation and policing of an un-notified public procession?

Question 4

What legislation allowed to PSNI to 'suspend' the Terrorism Act for a period of hours so as to seek policing assistance from a proscribed organisation?

Question 5

Copy of the legislation that gives PSNI the authority to bypass the data protection act and bring my name up with proscribed organisations asking for their advice on how to "deal with me".

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.

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.

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