



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05693

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to know about your police authority's use of dispersal powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which came into force on 20 October.

To make my request clear, I would like to know:

The number of dispersal zones declared using the powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Please provide maps for and specify the nature of these dispersal zones (eg, their hours of operation, and whether they are weekly or one-off). I would like statistics for the 6-week period between 20 October and 30 November 2014 please.

Question 2

The number of individuals dispersed under these powers (between 20 October and 30 November 2014);

Whether any items were confiscated;

Any further details you hold regarding: the reasons for the declaration of the dispersal area; and the nature of the individuals dispersed (eg, young people, street drinkers, ravers, and so on).

Question 3

I would also like to know about your authority's use of the previously existing dispersal powers, contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003:

Question 4

I would like to know the number of dispersal zones existing in your authority prior to 20 October 2014 (using powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003);

Question 5

I would like to know the number of people who had been dispersed under these powers in the 6-week period between 20 October and 30 November 2013.

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.

PSNI can confirm that the Dispersal powers are not being introduced in N 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.

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.