



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02709

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Migrants Detained and Handed Over to Immigration Authorities

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you tell me please how many migrants have been detained and handed over to Home Office/immigration authorities? If you could give me the most recent figures available please plus a couple of years' figures for comparison.

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 response is as follows.

The results detailed below indicate the number of people who were arrested for one of the following immigration offences and transferred to Home Office Immigration.

Illegal Entry to United Kingdom
Immigration – Overstaying Leave to Remain in UK
Detained on Immigration Authority

2014 – 30 people

2013 – 29 people

2012 – 62 people

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.

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