

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-00920

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Youth Diversion Officer Referrals North Belfast

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

Could you provide for me relevant information in relation to referrals to youth diversion officers in the North Belfast area.

I was wondering if it was possible to get a monthly breakdown of referrals made in the North Belfast area in the last year - up until the most recent available date.

Clarification received: Thanks for this. Would it be more accessible if I asked for offence related referrals? Apologies that it is a bit vague but essentially I am focused on crime related referrals. If there is a more apt way to word it, I'm happy to do so.

#### 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.

The recording system does not allow for a monthly breakdown, but for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 to 19 March 2015 there were a total of 264 referrals received for offences referred for North Belfast young people. This equates to an average of 22 referrals per month for that area.

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).

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