



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-03236

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drug Related Arrests

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates.

Request

Under Freedom of Information legislation, please provide me with the number of drug-related arrests which were made by the PSNI during the following periods of time (A) Between 1st January 2007 and 31st March 2007 and (B) Between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017.

Answer

From 1st January 2007 to 31st March 2007 there were 402 drug-related arrests.

The data for the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 is available on the PSNI website at the following address:

<https://www.psnipolice.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/drug-seizure-statistics/201617/march/march-2017-monthly-bulletin-published-17.05.17.pdf> (page 7).

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.