



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00782

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Human Trafficking and Prostitution

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to make an FOI request to the PSNI. With regard to Human Trafficking and Prostitution, I would like to ask the following questions:

Since the 1st of June 2015, how many individuals have been (a) arrested (b) charged (c) offered a discretionary disposal (d) taken a discretionary disposal or (e) given a caution (f) convicted of paying for sexual services of a person (Article 64A of the Sexual Offences Order 2008, as amended by section 15 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act.)

Question 2

Could I further ask for the ages and gender of those arrested, the police district in which they were arrested and the date on which the arrest took place to be provided.

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Included in the table below is the requested breakdown of the number of persons who have been arrested, charged, received a discretionary disposal, cautioned, or convicted in relation to the offence of paying for the sexual services of a person between the 1st June 2015 and 17th March 2017.

Please Note: This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant. Please note that if an individual has been arrested on more than one occasion or charged with more than one offence that individual may appear more than once on the table below.

Offence Date	Arrest	Age	Gender	Charged	Discretionary Disposal	Caution	Conviction	Police District
07/06/2015	N	66	Male	N	Y	N	N	Mid and East Antrim
12/06/2015	Y	58	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
29/07/2015	N	32	Male	N	Y	N	N	Fermanagh and Omagh

05/09/2015	N	59	Male	N	Y	N	N	Fermanagh and Omagh
28/10/2015	Y	28	Male	N	N	Y	N	Ards and North Down
29/10/2015	Y	27	Male	N	N	Y	N	Newry, Mourne and Down
18/12/2015	N	41	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
18/12/2015	N	41	Male	N	Y	N	N	Mid Ulster
18/12/2015	Y	41	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
16/01/2016	Y	45	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
03/02/2016	N	80	Male	N	Y	N	N	Belfast
04/02/2016	Y	22	Male	N	N	N	N	Belfast
04/02/2016	Y	21	Male	N	N	N	N	Belfast
13/02/2016	N	59	Male	N	Y	N	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
20/05/2016	N	25	Male	N	Y	N	N	Lisburn and Castlereagh
19/06/2016	Y	48	Male	N	N	N	N	Causeway Coast and Glens
04/08/2016	Y	51	Male	N	N	N	N	Derry City and Strabane
31/08/2016	Y	47	Male	N	N	Y	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
21/10/2016	Y	69	Male	N	N	N	N	Derry City and Strabane

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.