



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-01716

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Persons on Bail

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state the number of people currently on police bail (under investigation and awaiting a decision on charges) after being arrested by your force.

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.

There are 3297 people currently on bail.

Question 2

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 28 days. To clarify: I would like the figure for the number of people on bail, not the number of offences, as some people may be on bail for more than one offence – this clarification is also applicable to parts 3-6.

Answer

2570 people have been on bail longer than 28 days.

Question 3

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 6 months.

Answer

1003 people have been on bail longer than 6 months.

Question 4

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 1 year.

Answer

606 people have on bail longer than 1 year.

Question 5

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 18 months.

Answer

366 people have been on bail longer than 18 months.

Question 6

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 2 years?

Answer

223 people have been on bail longer than 2 years.

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.