



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-01459

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Registered Sex Offenders

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of individuals that have made requests to have their details removed from the sex offenders register between 1 April 2016 and the 1 April 2017?

#### 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.

24 applications were received between 1st April 2016 and 1st April 2017.

#### Question 2

Of these requests how many individuals did the PSNI decide were eligible to be struck off the register?

#### Answer

Of the 24 applications received, 18 individuals were removed from the Register.

#### Question 3

What criteria do the PSNI use to decide if an individual 'no longer poses a threat to the public'?

#### Answer

The Department of Justice issued statutory guidance in respect of The Review of Sex Offenders Indefinite Notification Requirements and all decisions are governed by this guidance.

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).

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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