



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2016-00319

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Operation Redfield

**Request and Answer:**

### Question 1

In relation to Operation Redfield, how many cases are currently under review by the team?

### Question 2

How many cases have completed a review?

### Question 3

The number of staff police and civilian, involved in the operation, and their rank by month since the beginning of the operation?

### Question 4

The anticipated timeframe for the completion of the Operation?

### Question 5

A copy of all correspondence from the ACC Crime Operations to the Operations Team including written orders.

### Clarification Sought

Question 5 will put this request over cost. Questions 1, 2, 4 and current information for question 3 may be available subject to any FOI exemptions which may apply. Please let me know if you would be content to receive the information that may be available within the permitted time frame.

### Clarification Received

Feel free to abandon question 5.

### Question 1

In relation to Operation Redfield, how many cases are currently under review by the team?

### 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 (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Operation Redfield is responsible for reviewing the 'Wanted' status of 228 individuals. Each of those individuals is connected to at least one incident, either through intelligence or evidence. The term 'cases' does not define what the review is undertaking. The review is of 'incidents' to which an individual is linked, and thereafter a recommendation as to whether that individual should be wanted or not wanted by the police. Thus far, the PSNI has identified 432 incidents linked to 24 of the 228 individuals, and these are the 'cases' that are under review. The PSNI has prioritised the review of the wanted status of 36 individuals referred to in the report published by Lady Justice Hallett.

## **Question 2**

How many cases have completed a review?

### **Answer**

The reviews of 75 incidents have been completed.

## **Question 3**

The number of staff police and civilian, involved in the operation, and their rank by month since the beginning of the operation?

### **Answer**

This information is not held by month. The resources for Operation Redfield in February/March 2014 were; 1 Detective Chief Inspector, 2 Detective Inspectors, 3 Detective Sergeants, 7 Detective Constables and 1 part time Administration Officer. Current resourcing is; 1 Detective Chief Inspector, 1 Detective Inspector, 2 Detective Sergeants, 7 Detective Constables and 1 Assistant Investigator. The team are also supported by Legacy Investigation Branch support staff, but these are not specifically allocated to the review team.

## **Question 4**

The anticipated timeframe for the completion of the Operation?

### **Answer**

It is not currently possible to assess the timeframe as this is dependent on the number and complexity of the incidents to be reviewed.

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.

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