



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02998

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Authorised and Unauthorised Detainees March and September 2017

Request and 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.

Request 1

I would like to request the following information according to the Freedom of Information Act concerning the treatment of detainees during their time in detention. The information requested is to be drawn anonymously from electronic custody records for all custody suites in your police force area for the months of March and September 2017 – broken down into the custody suites involved. Authorising detention. The total number of detainees for whom detention was authorised during March and September 2017.

Answer

The number of detainees for whom detention was authorised is as follows;
March 2017 – 2134
September 2017 - 2000

Request 2

The total number of detainees aged under 18 years for whom detention was authorised during March and September 2017.

Answer

The number of detainees aged under 18 for whom detention was authorised is as follows;
March 2017 – 203
September 2017 - 156

Request 3

The total number of detainees for whom detention was not authorised during March and September 2017.

Answer

The total number of detainees for whom detention was not authorised is as follows;
March 2017 – 8
September - 3

This information has been provided by the PSNI Reducing Offending and Safer Custody Unit.

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.