



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02068

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime Reports Involving MDPV

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

For the calendar years 2016 and 2017 and the period 1st January 2018 to 22nd August 2018, could you tell me how many crime reports have mentioned the drug “monkey dust” also known as “MDPV”?

Request 2

If it is within the time/cost limit set out by the FOI Act, could you provide brief details of each crime report mentioning “monkey dust” or “MDPV”?

Answer

PSNI Statistics Branch has identified one record in the specified time-frame which makes reference to ‘MDPV’ in relation to a Drug Seizure. No references are recorded in relation to ‘Monkey Dust’.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnipolice.uk

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