

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00037

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drug Related Deaths

Request and Answer:

Request 1

The number of investigations opened into drug-related deaths at licensed premises. Please provide figures for each calendar year from 2013 to 2017.

If possible, please also provide the following information:

Request 2

The number of police hours spent investigating drug-related deaths at licensed premises. Please provide figures for each calendar year from 2013 to 2017.

Answers

I contacted PSNI Crime Operations Department – Organised Crime Unit and although searches were conducted, they failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

To assist your request, I can advise you that information relating to drug deaths is available via the NISRA website and can be accessed via the link provided below:

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp30.htm>

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.psni.police.uk

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