



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02655

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Hate Crimes Reported At Belfast International Airport 2015 -2018

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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide copies of the following records for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and up to the present date in 2018

Request 1

The number of hate crimes reported to police where the location for the alleged offence was Belfast International Airport.

Request 2

The number of racially motivated hate crimes reported where the location for the alleged offence was Belfast International Airport.

Request 3

The number of religiously motivated hate crimes reported where the location for the alleged offence was Belfast International Airport.

Answers 1 -3

To complete this request PSNI Statistics Branch and extracted all hate motivated offences from 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2018 where the 'ward name' was recorded as 'Aldergrove'. Any offences relating specifically to Belfast International Airport were identified where the location name was included in the address summary, premises name and /or common name field.

During the 4 year period requested, **one offence** was identified where the location was 'Belfast International Airport' and this occurred in 2018 and was recorded as being racist motivated.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

Request 4

The action taken by police in each case (e.g. police attended / arrest / file passed to CPS).

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

The call log details that the call was passed to Belfast International Airport police to progress as this falls under their jurisdiction.

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

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.