



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02566

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Human Trafficking & Exploitation

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

Previous FOI request - F-2018-01968 refers. I was looking to get 2 points clarified if I can. Regarding the response for Request 2, are the NRM statistics for:

- 1) all NRM referrals for Northern Ireland,
- 2) all NRM referrals just made by the PSNI,
- 3) all NRM referrals just regarding the 2015 legislation in question, or
- 4) all NRM referrals just regarding the 2015 legislation and only made by the PSNI?

Answer

In relation to the previous FOI request F-2018-01968, I can confirm that the statistics are for *all NRM referrals for Northern Ireland*.

Request 2

Also, in the Excel spreadsheet, where reports have been made but no arrest, caution, or prosecution has occurred, what official action has been taken to have their details on record but nothing further happen?

Answer

A manual check of each of the instances provided on the previous FOI Response where no arrest, caution or prosecution was recorded against the offence has been conducted. Please see attached original Excel spreadsheet with an additional column providing the outcome for each instance.

Please note: in a number of these cases, the person was arrested/charged/prosecuted for a different count of the same offence, as the original request was for numbers of arrests, etc. rather than number of individuals the same individual may appear on multiple occasions in the spreadsheet if multiple counts of these offences were involved.

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.

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