



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00229

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Paying for Sexual Services of a Person

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates.

Request

With regard to Human Trafficking and Prostitution, since the 1st of June 2015, how many individuals have been (a) arrested (b) charged (c) offered a discretionary disposal (d) taken a discretionary disposal or (e) given a caution (f) convicted of paying for sexual services of a person (Article 64A of the Sexual Offences Order 2008, as amended by section 15 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act.) Could I ask that these statistics be broken down by year (calendar or financial, whichever is easier for you). Could I further ask for the ages and gender of those arrested, the police district in which they were arrested and the date on which the arrest took place to be provided.

Answer

Please see table below providing information currently held regarding Paying or Attempting to Pay for Sexual Services of a Person between 1st June 2015 and 29th March 2018.

Niche, the PSNI Records Management System holds information when a discretionary disposal was accepted, however there is no facility in structured data to hold offered discretionary disposals which were then refused by an individual.

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.

Offence Date	Arrest	Age	Gender	Charged	Discretionary Disposal Accepted	Caution	Conviction	District
2015								
12/06/2015	Y	58	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
29/07/2015	N	32	Male	N	Y	N	N	Fermanagh and Omagh
05/09/2015	N	58	Male	N	Y	N	N	Fermanagh and Omagh
28/10/2015	N	27	Male	N	N	Y	N	Ards and North Down
29/10/2015	Y	27	Male	N	N	Y	N	Newry, Mourne and Down
18/12/2015	Y	41	Male	N	Y	N	N	Mid Ulster
2016								
16/01/2016	Y	45	Male	N	N	N	N	Mid Ulster
03/02/2016	N	79	Male	N	Y	N	N	Belfast
04/02/2016	Y	22	Male	N	N	N	N	Belfast
04/02/2016	Y	21	Male	N	N	N	N	Belfast
13/02/2016	N	59	Male	N	Y	N	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
20/05/2016	N	25	Male	N	Y	N	N	Lisburn and Castlereagh
19/06/2016	Y	48	Male	N	N	N	N	Causeway Coast and Glens
20/07/2016	N	50	Male	N	N	Y	N	Belfast
04/08/2016	Y	51	Male	N	N	Y	N	Derry City and Strabane
31/08/2016	Y	47	Male	N	N	Y	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
21/10/2016	Y	69	Male	N	N	Y	N	Derry City and Strabane
2017								
10/03/2017	N	47	Male	N	N	N	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
23/03/2017	Y	47	Male	Y	N	N	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
07/06/2017	N	31	Male	N	N	Y	N	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
2018								
05/02/2018	Y	48	Male	N	N	N	N	Belfast

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.