



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02866

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres

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

### Requests

1. Does your force accept crime reports from third party hate crime reporting centres?
2. How many such centres provide information to your force?
3. For 2016, 2017, and so far in 2018 how many hate crime reports came from the centres?
4. How much funding has the force put into centres in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018?

### Clarification Sought

The record owner within the PSNI has asked can you clarify what you mean by “a third party reporting centre” when it comes to Hate Crime in order to see if what they have meets the definition.

### Clarification Received

Some forces take referrals from neutral third parties - such as Citizens Advice, places where people can report hate crimes that are not directly the police.

### Answer

The record owner within the PSNI has advised we do not have third party reporting centres, we will accept reports of crime from other persons on their behalf. Many of the organisations assist those wishing to report hate crimes and may facilitate the reporting of a crime. However we do not record figure of crimes reported in this manner as it's still shown as the victim. As we don't have third party reporting centres no funding was provided to these.

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](mailto: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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