



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00135

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sex Offenders Registered As Of 17th January 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.

Request 1

How many sex offenders are registered in your force area whose whereabouts are unknown as of January 17th, 2018?

Answer

A total of 4.

Request 2

Of the registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, when did each one go missing?

Answer

February 2013, March 2017, April 2017 and November 2017

It should be noted that Police have received information regarding all 4 persons regarded as "missing" to suggest that they have travelled to different jurisdictions. In the absence of a confirmed address in the destination country, PSNI still maintain their record until such times as confirmation of address is received.

Request 3

Please provide the names of the registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown and the convictions that resulted in each one being placed on the sex offenders' register.

If you are unable to provide a response to question 3, please provide a response to questions 1 and 2 only.

Answer

In response to your clarification provide the response to request 3 would be subject to FOI exemptions and therefore I have omitted this request.

Please note that this information is only valid from the date of the request.

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.