



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00041

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Burglary Units

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

Has Police Service of Northern Ireland had a dedicated burglary unit at any point from 01/01/2010 to the present day?

Request 2

If the answer to the above question is yes, please confirm whether or not Police Service of Northern Ireland still has a dedicated burglary unit. If it doesn't, please provide the date when the burglary unit ceased operations.

Answers

A temporary South Area Burglary Team was set up In January 2017 and remains in existence but it is still on a temporary basis covering the South Area.

The Districts that are included in South Area are as follows:

- Lisburn & Castlereagh
- Ards and North Down
- Newry, Mourne & Down
- Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon
- Mid Ulster
- Fermanagh and Omagh

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.