



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00286

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Hours To Search For Vulnerable Adults Reported Missing

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

Can you please tell me how many man hours police in Belfast spent looking for vulnerable adult 'in-patients' reported missing from hospitals in Belfast in the months of October, November and December.

Could you break these down per hospital:

Mater
Belfast Royal Victoria
City Hospital
Musgrave

Answer

Please find below the information requested for October – December 2017:

October 2017

Mater = 44.5 hours
Belfast Royal Victoria = 24.25 hours
City Hospital = 4.5 hours
Musgrave = 0 hours

November 2017

Mater = 16 hours
Belfast Royal Victoria = 47.5 hours
City Hospital = 0 hours
Musgrave = 0 hours

December 2017

Mater = 25.5 hours
Belfast Royal Victoria = 109.5 hours
City Hospital = 0 hours

Musgrave = 0 hours

Please note that the information has been created for the purpose of your FOI response and is not routinely recorded in the format requested.

Belfast Policing District obtained the information by checking through data for 'persons missing', during the months of October, November and December within the District and the hospitals relevant to your request. Each Command and Control (C&C) serial was then checked to establish if the person was an in-patient and the 'man hours' were calculated from the time the report was made to the police until police recorded that the patient was located and the serial was closed.

Please note that the information may not be accurate and is only an **estimate** which was calculated from the opening and closing codes from Command and Control (C&C) and is reliant on data being recorded correctly on the serial i.e. the hospital and if the person was an in-patient.

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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