



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00497

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: People Arrested For Illegal Entry Into The UK

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

For the calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and to date (25th Feb 2018) how many people have been arrested by your force on suspicion of entering the UK without leave (illegal entry) and how many were arrested for assisting illegal entry to the UK? (facilitation).

Specifically I am after offences listed under Section 24 of the Act that refer to "Illegal entry" and are CJS Codes IM71013, IM71088, IM71001, IM71005, IM71002, IM71006, IM71004, IM71087, and IM71003 and offences listed under Section 25 of the Immigration Act that refer to "facilitation" and are CJS Codes IM71104C, IM71104 for assisting unlawful immigration to member states, IM71105 for helping asylum-seekers to enter the UK and IM71107 and IM71106 for assisting entry to the UK in breach of deportation or exclusion order.

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.