



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00089

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Missing Persons

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates.

Request 1

I am hoping to access information regarding PSNI investigations into missing persons in the financial years (April-March) 2015/16 and 2016/17. Where asking about children we are looking for data regarding under-18s. How many calls in total regarding missing persons were received in 2015/16?

Clarification Requested

Regarding 'How many calls in total regarding missing persons were received in 2015/16 and 2016/17?' do you require every call received in connection with each missing person investigation e.g. possible sightings or the number of calls received reporting a missing person?

Clarification Received

We are looking for the total number of calls relating to missing persons in both 2015/16 and 16/17. However, if it is possible it would also be hugely useful to know the total number of reports of a missing person in 2015/16 and 16/17.

Further Clarification Received

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Answer

Request withdrawn.

Request 2

How many missing incidents were recorded in 2015/16?

Answer

11750

Request 3

How many of those incidents related to missing children?

Answer

5959

Request 4

How many of those incidents related to missing adults?

Answer

5799

Request 5

How many missing individuals were recorded in 2015/16?

Answer

5760

Request 6

How many of those individuals were adults?

Answer

4066

Request 7

How many of those individuals were children?

Answer

1710

Request 8

How many calls in total regarding missing persons were received in 2016/17?

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Request 9

How many missing incidents were recorded in 2016/17?

Answer

11442

Request 10

How many of those incidents related to missing children?

Answer

6485

Request 11

How many of those incidents related to missing adults?

Answer

4967

Request 12

How many missing individuals were recorded in 2016/17?

Answer

5059

Request 13

How many of those individuals were adults?

Answer

3500

Request 14

How many of those individuals were children?

Answer

1581

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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