



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02432

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 From 2015-2018

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

Please provide the number of dispersals excluding an individual(s) from a public area, issued by your police force under section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 for the financial years 2015-16 – 2017-18.

#### Request 2

Of these dispersals, please provide the number of individuals who:

- a. Were dispersed for begging related anti-social behaviour
- b. Were dispersed for begging related anti-social behaviour and were listed as having 'No Fixed Address'
- c. Were listed as having 'No Fixed Address'

#### Request 3

Of these dispersals who were listed as 'No Fixed Address', please provide the number of individuals who:

- a. Were subsequently charged with an offence for breaching the PSPO
- b. Were issued a fine for begging related anti-social behaviour and where possible please provide the cost of each fine given

### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 is contained in Part 3 of this Act. PSNI Legacy and Justice Branch confirm that Parts 1 to 6 of the Act are NOT applicable to Northern Ireland.

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](mailto: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.