



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02265

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Firearms Licensing

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

I would be very grateful if you could answer the following questions which relate to firearms licensing. Other than refunds made to applicants whose applications have been rejected on the basis that they were deemed unfit to possess firearms and ammunition, how many refunds have been issued to applicants since 9th July 2018.

Answer

There have been 14 refunds issued from 9th July 2018 and to date which did not relate to refusals. It should be noted, however, that these refunds may have related to applications received prior to 9th July 2018.

Request 2

How many paper firearm certificate cancellations have been rejected since the move to online only cancellations?

Answer

There have been 24 paper firearm certificate cancellations rejected since the move to online only cancellations.

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.

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