



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00266

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Public Sex Environments

Request and Answer:

Request 1

I would like to know how many Public Sex Environments, also known as dogging or cruising sites, you are aware of in your policing area and where exactly they are?

Request 2

I would like to know how many arrests, spot-fines, and convictions, have been made on these sites in your policing areas in the past three years encompassing April 2014 to April 2015, April 2015 to April 2016, and April 2016 to April 2017?

Request 3

I would also like to know if you have given out food and drink at public sex sites as part of your strategy of policing these sites?

Answer

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislates for the rights of an individual to seek access to **recorded information**. The Act only extends to requests for recorded information as defined by Section 84 of the Act.

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Although PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team officers may be aware of such activity and the location of such sites, there is no location category recorded as a 'Public Sex Environment'. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.