



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02714

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Stop And Searches Derry And Strabane

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 1

How much compensation has the PSNI paid out connected to stop and searches in the Derry and Strabane areas since January 2015. Could I get that figure split up into years, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018?

Answer

2015 - Nil
2016 - £7,000
2017- £2,000
2018 - £45,996.60

Please note that the increase in payments between 2017 and 2018 can be accounted for by an increase in the number of claims processed and not an increase in the number of claims referring to that particular year. Claims can pertain to stops and searches which may have been carried out a number of years previously.

Request 2

Could I also get a figure for the number of stop and searches carried out in the same region in that time?

Answer

The table under displays the number of persons stopped and searched/questioned in Derry City and Strabane policing district between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2018. Figures for 2018 are provisional and subject to change.

Please note that the figures in the table refer to the total number of stops and searches and that the number of people involved may be lower as a number of individuals will have been subject to stop and search on more than one occasion.

Calendar Year	Number of Stop and Searches
2015	3,766
2016	4,089
2017	3,563
2018	2,975

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.

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