

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00046

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Policies - Gypsy, Roma, Traveller (GRT) communities

Request and Answer:

Request 1

Please can you provide copies of any current policies and guidance documents held by your Police force/constabulary in relation to dealing with Gypsy, Roma, Traveller (GRT) communities?

Request 2

In particular any policies/guidance relating to the handling of complaints of anti-GRT discrimination and/or dealing with complaints made about GRT communities?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to your requests. 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. PSNI do not have any policies or guidance documents specific to the 'GRT' communities. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

For assistance, please see below link for the Hate Crime Service Instruction (SI2117) which outlines how PSNI respond to and investigates hate crimes and hate incidents:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/advice--information/our-publications/policies-and-service-procedures/hate-crime-021020.pdf>

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnipolice.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.