



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01106

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Mobile Fingerprinting

Request and Answer:

Request 1

Does the Police Service of Northern Ireland use mobile fingerprinting service? If yes, for what period has it ran?

Request 2

If yes, how many times has it been employed? Please provide a breakup by year, starting from whenever it was first rolled to the present day

Request 3

Could you also provide a breakup of people on which it was employed by nationality, gender and visa status?

Request 4

Of the people on which the service was used, how many were subsequently arrested, detained and/or deported? And on what counts? Again, a breakup by year.

Request 5

I also need access to the latest privacy impact assessment for holding of this information.

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 (PSNI) 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 can advise that whilst we used to have a MobileID system, we no longer do, as it was retired with the previous system in July 2021; the system has since been decommissioned. As a result, we do not hold information in relation to Requests 1-4. However, please note that there are plans to implement a new MobileID system, but this is work in progress.

In relation to Request 5, we can advise that there was no Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for the original MobileID solution; as such we do not hold the latest privacy impact assessment as per your Request.

Accordingly, we 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 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.

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