



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-01175

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Incidents Related to Mental Health and Suicide

### 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.

Please provide the exact same data which you provided for the below FOI request, but this time between the dates 23.03.2021 and 23.03.2022.

FOI-2021-00832:

### Request 1

I wish to obtain info about Police recording of incidents related to: Mental Health and Suicide (completed, as well as attempted and suspected).

For example, Cleveland Police advised me that they would record such reports/incidents on their system under the occurrence code 'PS10 - Concern for Safety', which could then have a 'qualifier' added to it, such as 'Mental Health', 'Suicide' or 'Vulnerable adult'. They could then pull the numbers for these from their system.

If your force records using the same system/occurrence codes as Cleveland Police, as described above, then please let me know the following:

Between 23/03/2019 and 22/03/2020 how many of the following did your force record:

- a. PS10.
- b. PS10 with Mental Health qualifier.
- c. PS10 with Suicide or Suicide risk qualifier.

### Request 2

Exactly the same info as Q1 a, b, and c above, but for the time period 23/03/2020 to 22/03/2021.

However, if your force records such incidents differently then please let me know how many incidents regarding concern for safety, suicide, suicide risk, attempted suicide and mental health your force recorded using whichever exact terms, incident codes or recording methods your force uses, during the exact time periods outlined in both Q1 and Q2 above.

If your force's system allows for retrieval of info that would allow for a partial answer to my FOI, I'd like to express a preference now that you provide me with this information as a response. I hope your system allows for the recovery of incident numbers to cover all aspects of my FOI request. If however it does not, and you can only recover info that covers part of my FOI request, I'd again like to state clearly and unambiguously that I would like this info to be sent with your first response. Please do not issue a full refusal notice in a situation like that, please issue a partial refusal and send me the info you can retrieve. Again, I hope the full FOI can be answered, but I understand this may not be possible.

### **Answer to Request 1 and Request 2**

The attached spreadsheet provides Incidents recorded by police 23rd March 2020 to 22nd March 2022 where one of the main closing codes is 'Concern for Safety', one of the qualifier codes is mental health or one of the qualifier codes is suicide/attempted suicide.

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](mailto: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/](http://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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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