

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01656

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Belfast Venues

Request and 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 hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following:

Request

I wish to put in an FOI request regarding complaints made at Belfast entertainment venues.

The venues are the SSE Arena, the Waterfront Hall and Ulster Hall in Belfast.

I would like to know:

Request 1

How many complaints have police received from those three venues relating to an artist / performer / show's content (from 1 January 2018 - present day)?

Answer

PSNI can advise that one complaint regarding entertainment at Waterfront Hall was made between January 2018 to the 19th of July 2022.

Request 2

If possible, what have the complaints been in relation to?

Answer

The complaint mentioned above was in relation to showing a pseudo indecent image.

Request 3

How many complaints have resulted in further action being taken, whether a fine, notice or otherwise?

Answer

No further action was taken concerning this complaint.

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.

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