

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01767

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Missing Persons Reports

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

I would like to request the below information relating to Police Service of Northern Ireland Missing Persons reports under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information I require is as follows: The number of missing people reported the Police Service of Northern Ireland from March 2020 to the 26th July 2021 and their ethnicity?

Answer

Missing Person	Ethnicity
100	Not Recorded
12	Chinese
34	Other Ethnic Group
59	Mixed
7	Roma
11184	White
182	Irish Traveller
8	Indian
4	Pakistani
29	Other Asian
4	Black Caribbean
114	Black African
43	Black Other
1	Hist - Asian
1	Hist - Chinese,Japanese,SE Asian
2	Hist - Unknown
30	Hist - White - North European

Note

Ethnicities that begin with “Hist” are historical classifications that are no longer used, but may still have people grouped in them.

Request 2

Of these missing people reports, I would also like a breakdown of whether they were actioned by police within 24, 48 or up to 72 hours, with a further breakdown by ethnicity?

Answer

All reports are actioned immediately; consequently the breakdown will be as provided in the response to Request 1 above.

Request 3

I would also like a breakdown by ethnicity of the initial level of perceived risk (high, medium or low) under which each report was categorised?

Answer

Missing Person	Ethnicity	Risk Level
3	Not Recorded	See Note Below
47	White	See Note Below
1	Black African	See Note Below
17	Not Recorded	High
7	Chinese	High
4	Other Ethnic Group	High
5	Mixed	High
1	Roma	High
872	White	High
8	Irish Traveller	High
1	Other Asian	High
5	Black African	High
3	Black Other	High
4	Hist - White - North European	High
14	Not Recorded	Low
5	Other Ethnic Group	Low
4	Mixed	Low
3	Roma	Low
651	White	Low
7	Irish Traveller	Low
2	Other Asian	Low
2	Black Caribbean	Low
7	Black African	Low
7	Black Other	Low
5	Hist - White - North European	Low
66	Not Recorded	Medium
5	Chinese	Medium
25	Other Ethnic Group	Medium
50	Mixed	Medium
3	Roma	Medium

9614	White	Medium
167	Irish Traveller	Medium
8	Indian	Medium
4	Pakistani	Medium
26	Other Asian	Medium
2	Black Caribbean	Medium
101	Black African	Medium
33	Black Other	Medium
1	Hist - Asian	Medium
1	Hist - Chinese,Japanese,SE Asian	Medium
2	Hist - Unknown	Medium
21	Hist - White - North European	Medium

Note

No Risk Level was recorded as person was located before a Risk Level was assessed.

Request 4

How many people reported missing between March 2020 and today's date (26/07/21) were found with a breakdown by ethnicity?

Answer

Missing Person	Ethnicity	Person Found
100	Not Recorded	Y
12	Chinese	Y
34	Other Ethnic Group	Y
59	Mixed	Y
7	Roma	Y
11184	White	Y
182	Irish Traveller	Y
8	Indian	Y
4	Pakistani	Y
29	Other Asian	Y
4	Black Caribbean	Y
111	Black African	Y
43	Black Other	Y
1	Hist - Asian	Y
1	Hist - Chinese,Japanese,SE Asian	Y
2	Hist - Unknown	Y
30	Hist - White - North European	Y

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.psni.police.uk

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