



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01807

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: LIB Workload 2022

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

Request 1

We write you on behalf of a number of clients who have ongoing reviews being carried out by the legacy Investigation Branch (LIB).

We are seeking information concerning LIB and make the request under the Freedom of Information Act. We are not seeking details of any individual investigation/review and merely seeking general details of the work completed by LIB.

We are seeking information relating to the following questions:

The LIB case load sat around 1100 cases in early 2021. Can you confirm the current case load of the LIB?

Answer

LIB's current case load is 1117 (the caseload was fluctuated as some additional cases have been identified and added since LIB inception).

Request 2

Can you provide details of the number of cases currently subject to review by LIB concern incidents that postdate 10th April 1998?

Answer

127 cases currently are subject to review by LIB concern incidents that postdate 10th April 1998.

Request 3

Can you provide details of the number of cases that postdate 10th April 1998 that relate to the "security situation in Northern Ireland" (as defined in LIB's own guidance/framework)?

Answer

70 cases relate to the "security situation in Northern Ireland".

Request 4

Can you provide details of the number of police officers and police staff currently attached to LIB?

Answer

55 police officers and police staff are currently attached to LIB.

Request 5

Can you provide the number of officers and staff who have previous experience in either the military or the RUC?

Answer

17 officers and staff have previous experience in either the military or the RUC, this number fluctuates due to staff turnover.

Request 6

Can you provide the number of family reports that have been completed by LIB?

Answer

19 family reports that have been completed by LIB.

Request 7

Can you provide the number of reviews that have been completed by LIB?

Answer

19 cases have been completed by LIB. Please note, cases referred to the PPS and which are awaiting a prosecutorial decision or are still in the court system are not included in this figure.

Request 8

Can you provide the number of cases that have been referred to the PPS?

Answer

30 cases have been referred to the PPS.

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/

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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.