

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00208

Keyword: Crime

Subject: FRN's issued at Protests in 2020 within PSNI policing area.

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request numbers 1a, 3a and 4a.

Request 1

Please provide the following information:

The number of fines issues at the BLM protest in Belfast on 6 June 2020. Please break these fines down by ethnicity.

a) Please also provide me with the number of people (or estimated number of people) in attendance at this protest, unless to do so could trigger the cost exemption.

Answer

No of Fines/Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) Issued	Ethnicity
7	White
1	Mixed Race
1	Black other
4	Not stated
Total 13	

Enquiries made in relation to the number of people (or estimated number of people in attendance) at this protest failed to locate any records or documents relevant to this part of your request. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 2

The number of fines issued at the BLM protest in Derry on 6th June 2020. Please break these fines down by ethnicity.

- a) Please also provide me with the number of people (or estimated number of people) in attendance at this protest, unless to do so could trigger the cost exemption.

Answer

No of Fines/Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) Issued	Ethnicity
21	White
1	Indian
1	Black
34	Not Recorded
Total 57	

It was estimated approximately 500 persons in attendance at the BLM protest in Derry on 6th June 2020.

Request 3

The number of fines issued at the Chinese Consulate protest in Belfast on 9th June 2020. Please break these fines down by ethnicity.

- a) Please also provide me with the number of people (or estimated number of people) in attendance at this protest, unless to do so could trigger the cost exemption.

Answer

No fines were issued

Enquiries made in relation to the number of people (or estimated number of people in attendance) at this protest failed to locate any records or documents relevant to this part of your request. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 4

The number of fines issued at the POM protest in Belfast on 13th June 2020. Please break these fines down by ethnicity.

- a) Please also provide me with the number of people (or estimated number of people) in attendance at this protest, unless to do so could trigger the cost exemption.

Answer

No fines were issued

Enquiries made in relation to the number of people (or estimated number of people in attendance) at this protest failed to locate any records or documents relevant to this part of your request. Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Please note the following in conjunction with the responses provided:

1. The data refers to the 'ethnicity' held on the PSNI Niche computer system for the person; however it may not have been recorded at the time of the fines being issued.

2. PSNI cannot stand over the data as being completely accurate, as the data could be officer defined (incorrectly) or the person could have provided incorrect data for various reasons.

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 were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office 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. 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 his discretion.

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