



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02260

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Missing Children Flagged As Being At Risk Of Sexual Exploitation

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

Please state, for children that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded for each of the ten children that went missing the most often.

Please provide information for missing episodes recorded between January 1st 2018 to November 25th 2020.

Answer

Total missing person reports for top ten most reported missing children who are flagged as at risk of CSE.

Year	Child Ranking	No of Missing Reports	Year	Child Ranking	No of Missing Reports	Year	Child Ranking	No of Missing Reports
2018	1	57	2019	1	77	Jan 1 st to Nov 25 th 2020	1	50
	2	53		2	70		2	49
	3	49		3	57		3	46
	4	49		4	46		4	43
	5	40		5	44		5	31
	6	37		6	43		6	30
	7	36		7	38		7	27
	8	34		8	37		8	25
	9	33		9	33		9	24
	10	32		10	31		10	23

Request 2

Please state, for children that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded in each of the following calendar years

a.2018

b.2019

c.2020 up to November 25th

Answer

Total number of missing person reports for all children reported missing who are flagged as at risk of CSE

2018 total - 799

2019 total - 1021

2020 (to Nov 25th) total - 822

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.

