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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00450

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Infa-Red Illumination Equipment

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 not hold information to which your request relates.

Request 1

Since 1st January 2015 until 31st December 2019, have you used infra-red (IR) illumination equipment in the search for blood at scenes of crime?

Request 2

If yes to question 1, please state the number of cases that IR illumination was used in each year: 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015, 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016, 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017, 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018, 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019.

Request 3

Of these cases, please specify the type of offence e.g. murder, sexual offence, armed robbery, burglary etc.

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents held by PSNI relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. The record owner has confirmed they do not utilise infra-red(IR) illumination equipment for the search of blood. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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.