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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-00501

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Legacy Investigation Branch

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

Can you provide me with a breakdown of the number of cases on the caseload of Legacy Investigation Branch according to year of incident?

Answer

Please see our response in the table below which indicates the cases on Legacy Investigation Branch's (LIB) current caseload, as of the 2nd March 2021. These figures **do not** include completed cases.

Incident Year	Total (Cases)
1969	12
1970	5
1971	42
1972	81
1973	40
1974	21
1975	21
1976	40
1977	28
1978	15
1979	18
1980	24
1981	30
1982	19
1983	30
1984	31
1985	21
1986	48
1987	60
1988	55

1989	45
1990	46
1991	76
1992	55
1993	45
1994	39
1995	7
1996	17
1997	18
1998	31
1999	12
2000	23
2001	36
2002	18
2003	20
2004	1
Total	1130

For context, please note the PSNI Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB) was established in January 2015 following the cessation of the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) in December 2014. The LIB's remit is to review those cases between 01 January 1969 and 01 March 2004 that were not concluded by the HET, as well as to conduct investigations into cases which present evidential opportunities.

LIB cases are managed and progressed according to a Case Sequencing Model (CSM), and prioritised based on various factors governing the sequencing of over 1,100 fatal incidents and involving the deaths of over 1,400 people. Further information with regards to the CSM can be found at the following link: <https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/our-departments/legacy-and-legal-department/legacy-investigation-branch/>.

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.

