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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00823

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Categories of Information - Possession of Firearms

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, can you please inform me what categories of information were held by the PSNI in 2011 relating to those in possession of firearms that have been deactivated and certified and likewise what categories of information are currently held by the PSNI.

To clarify, 'what categories of information are currently held by the PSNI' should refer to data fields such as name, address of owner, details of firearm, etc, referring to the owner of the firearm that has been deactivated and certified.

Answer

Please see below list of current data fields on our system which were also held in 2011.

Title
Forename(s)
Surname
Address
Nationality
Occupation
Gender
Contact telephone numbers
Email address (if provided)
Firearm serial number
Firearm Manufacturer
Firearm Calibre
Reason for possession

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.