



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01488

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Occurrences Mentioning the Word 'Satanic'

### 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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Request

Please could you provide the number of cases that have the word 'satanic' included in them between 2000 and present day.

### Answer

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 there have been 48 occurrences with mention of the word 'satanic'.

### The following notes are applicable to the information provided:

- Where the number of 'cases' has been requested, this has been interpreted to mean the number of occurrences that have been recorded on the Niche recording database.
- The search was conducted for all occurrences where the word 'satanic' was mentioned in either the occurrence summary, or the occurrence enquiry log.
- The Niche Technical team is not involved in checking reliability and validity of any data input into Niche and cannot rule out the possibility of input errors which may have influenced these figures.

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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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