

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01787

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Domestic Violence Disclosure Schemes

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.

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information specifically in relation to the time period 1 March '20 - 1 March '21 (only 28 days in Feb so taking it to 1 March).

If possible, as a comparison, could the same data please be provided for the time period March 1 '19 - Feb 29 '20

My request relates to applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDs) – aka 'Clare's Law

Request 1

The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Ask' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories: a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

Answer

Time period 1st March 2020 – 1st March 2021

a) 0-20 days: 1
b) 21-35 days: 3
c) 36+ days: 24

Time period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020

a) 0-20 days: 4
b) 21-35 days: 8
c) 36+ days: 26

Request 2

The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Know' during this time

period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories: a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

Answer

Time period 1st March 2020 – 1st March 2021

- a) 0-20 days: 8
- b) 21-35 days: 3
- c) 36+ days: 23

Time period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020

- a) 0-20 days: 3
- b) 21-35 days: 3
- c) 36+ days: 17

Request 3

The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Ask' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose):

Answer

Time period 1st March 2020 – 1st March 2021

- Three maximum lengths
- 267 days
- 140 days
- 138 days

Time period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020

- Three maximum lengths
- 184 days
- 143 days
- 137 days

Request 4

The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Know' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose):

Answer

Time period 1st March 2020 – 1st March 2021

- Three maximum lengths:
- 234 days
- 230 days
- 154 days

Time period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020

- Three maximum lengths:
- 200 days
- 171 days
- 135 days

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.