



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01915

Keyword: Policing Themes, Operations and Investigations Calls for Service

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)/Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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 1

I am requesting all information that your police force hold in relation to Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)/Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) sightings for the period from May 2016 to the year 2019.

This includes all correspondence made by members of the public or employees/officers of your police force mentioning UFOs, UAPS, lights in the sky, aliens or extra-terrestrial beings.

I request this information should include the date, time, location and the description given by the reporting person, if possible, for each incident.

Answer

The PSNI have received nine reports in relation to Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) for the requested period from May 2016 to end of year 2019.

Date	Location	Sightings/Actions
14/04/2016	ORMEAU PARK, BELFAST	SAW A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT OVER THE ORMEAU PARK AND THINKS IT IS A UFO
13/08/2016	STRAND ROAD, LONDONDERRY	SAW A UFO METALLIC SPINNING DISK FLYING IN THE SKY ABOVE A BUILDING - CALLER THEN CLARIFIED IT WAS A PLANE
25/11/2017	HOLLY LANE, LONDONDERRY	RAMBLING ABOUT A PINK FERRARI, A UFO AND A 1967 MUSTANG
12/07/2018	ORCHARDVILLE CRESCENT, BELFAST	SAW A UFO IN THE SKY- REFUSED ANY OTHER DETAILS AND HUNG UP
03/08/2018	BALLYNAHINCH ROAD,	SAW AN OBJECT IN THE SKY AND THOUGHT IS WAS A UFO - DESCRIPTION MATCHED A DRONE

	HILLSBOROUGH	
28/05/2019	SAINTFIELD ROAD, BELFAST	MUMBLING ABOUT UFOS AND VERY HARD TO HEAR, TALKING ABOUT LIGHTS HOVERING - MENTAL HEALTH IN PATIENT
25/05/2019	BRYAN STREET, LARNE	JUST SEEN A UFO - NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION
19/07/2019	ST. GEORGES GARDENS, BELFAST	FLYING OBJECT - THE LIGHT COMING FROM IT WAS TOO BRIGHT AND IT TURNED TOO SHARPLY, THEN DISAPPEARED
05/08/2019	EDENREAGH ROAD, LONDONDERRY	STATING THAT HE IS WAITING FOR A UFO TO LAND IN HIS GARDEN - NO OTHER DETAILS

However from this data it should be noted that it has been extracted solely by undertaking a keyword search and therefore is dependent on the information being recorded and as the information cannot be extracted from a live system and is a manual process it should allow for any human error. Taking this in to consideration there may be other calls recorded that would not be identifiable without reviewing every single report to police.

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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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