

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-02010

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Student Breaches of Covid Regulations

### 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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request number 1.

**Clarification sought:** You have requested figures for “students who have been fined or received a sanction for breach of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020” Can you confirm:

- a. Are you referring to students at Queens University Belfast only?
- b. Are you referring to all students attending university or higher level colleges in NI?
- c. Are you referring to schools students attending schools in NI?!

**Clarification received:** I clarify my original request as the fines or sanctions issued to all students attending universities or higher education colleges.

### Request 1

Would it be possible to obtain the figures for students who have been fined or received a sanction for breach of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020?

### Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided as employment or education status is not one of the categories routinely recorded by PSNI as part of the Covid fine or Community Resolution Notices (CRN) process.

Whilst PSNI does hold information in relation to COVID fines etc. it is not held in the format requested and accordingly we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Request 2

Could I also be advised of the contact details of the PSNI Press Office?

**Answer**

PSNI's Press Office general email address is - [CorporateComms-PressOffice@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CorporateComms-PressOffice@psni.pnn.police.uk) and the telephone number is 02890 700084.

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.