



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02085

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Sexual Offences

Subject: Paying for Sexual Services

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

As a follow-up to FOI-2021-02215, how many persons have been charged by the PSNI with the criminal offence of paying for sexual services of a person within the area served by the PSNI's Belfast District Command from 28.10.21 to 30.06.22?

Answer

There has been one person charged¹ with an offence of Paying for Sexual Services of a Person since 28/10/2021 to 30/06/2022 where the offence took place in Belfast Policing District.

Request 2

In total, how many persons have been charged by the PSNI across all policing districts with the criminal offence of paying for sexual services of a person from 01.06.15 to 30.06.22?

Answer

There have been a total of 14 person's charged¹ by PSNI with an offence of Paying for Sexual Services of a Person since the legislation was enacted to 30/06/2022.

Note

¹ Arrested and processed through police custody and subsequently charged.

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.

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Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

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