

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-02181

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Public Protests

### 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.

#### Request 1

How many public protests are officially recorded as having taken place under PSNI jurisdiction between the 1st June 2019 and the 30th September 2019?

#### Answer

There were a total of 47 public protests during this period.

#### Request 1a

What are the approximate attendance numbers recorded for all of these protests as a cumulative total?

#### Answer

A total of 455 people attended these protests. However it should be noted that some districts do not keep records.

#### Request 2

How many public protests are officially recorded as having taken place under PSNI jurisdiction between the 1st June 2020 and the 30th September 2020?

#### Answer

There were a total of 73 public protests during this period.

#### Request 2a

What are the approximate attendance numbers recorded for all of these protests as a cumulative total?

#### Answer

A total of 1,036 people attended these protests. However it should be noted that some districts do not keep records.

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.

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