



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-02235

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Sexual Offences

**Subject:** Discretionary Disposal/Community Resolution Notices

### 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

In total, how many persons have been dealt with by discretionary disposal/community resolution within the area served by the PSNI's Belfast District Command from 01.06.15 - 30.06.22 arising from the criminal offence of paying for sexual services of a person?

#### Answer

During 1 June 2015 – 30 June 2022, within Belfast District, 1 person received a Discretionary Disposal for the offence of paying for sexual services of a person.

#### Request 2

In total, how many persons have been dealt with by discretionary disposal/community resolution across all the PSNI's Districts from 01.06.15-30.06.22 arising from the criminal offence of paying for sexual services of a person?

#### Answer

During 1 June 2015 – 30 June 2022, across all Districts, 4 people received a Discretionary Disposal and 3 people received a Community Resolution Notice for the offence of paying for sexual services of a person.

In total, 7 people have received a Discretionary Disposal/Community Resolution Notice for this offence.

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 Corporate Information Manager, 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, if you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/)."

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.

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