



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-02253

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sex Offenders

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 (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

At the time of writing how many individuals are on the sexual offenders register?

Answer

As of 7th of October 2021 there are a total 1727 Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) in Northern Ireland.

Request 2

Of the individuals identified in the answer to Q1, how many are missing or whereabouts unknown?

Answer

In relation to the number of registered sexual offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, PSNI has as of the date of your request 7 RSOs currently recorded as wanted because their whereabouts are unknown. This total is only valid for the date in question because the information is dynamic and will change as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing or routine visits to registered offenders.

Request 3

How many notifications did your force receive of the intention of registered sex offenders to travel abroad in each of the following calendar years:

- a. 2019
- b. 2020
- c. 2021

Answer

Please see table below outlining the number of notifications the PSNI receive in relation to intention of Registered Sex Offenders to travel abroad for the following years;

Year	Total
2019	334
2020	141
2021	101

Please be advised that the figure relating to 2021 is to date (7/10/2021).

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.

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