



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-02405

**Keyword:** Policing Themes, Operations and Investigations Calls for Service

**Subject:** Childrens Homes Call Outs

### 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

Under FOI legislation, please inform me of the number of times from the start of 2017 to the end of 2021 that the PSNI has been called out to and attended Children's Homes in Northern Ireland. Please break this information down per calendar year.

Clarification sought; The relevant business area would need to write a 'script' to assist with the desired search. Would you be content if we used the following key words "Children's Home" & "Child Secure Unit"?

Clarification received; Can you please provide both calls to a) children's homes and b) children's secure units, but separate them out in the response?

#### Answer

Please see attached PDF labelled; Statutory Voluntary and Private Residential Provision NI.

*Please be aware that the numbers provided in the tables above does not reflect just calls for service and could include Police generated activity such as bail checks, warrants etc.*

*Whether a Children's Home is secure or not is already in the Public Domain and a search of the name of the Home should provide that detail. The relevant Health and Social Care Board may also be able to assist you with further information relating to this.*

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.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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.

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.