



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-03282

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Other and Multiple Crime/Incident types

Subject: UFO Sightings

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting all information that Police Service of Northern Ireland hold in relation to Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Aerial Phenomena sightings for the period 1st January 2022 to the 20th December 2022.

This includes all reports made by members of the public or employees of Police Service of Northern Ireland and may include a keyword search of the following words: UFO, UAP, lights in the sky, aliens or extra-terrestrial beings.

This information should include

- a) date,
- b) time,
- c) location
- d) description given by the reporting person.

No personal identifying information should be included

Answer

Between 1st January 2022 and 20th December 2022 there was 1 incident of UFO sightings reported to the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The incident reported occurred in the Stewartstown area of Dungannon on the 30th of October 2022. The caller reported seeing UFO flying towards Dungannon from Belfast.

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.

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

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