



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-00761

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

Subject: Missing Persons and Search Advisors

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

You provided valuable s16 advice and assistance:

'In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, we have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit and can advise we could answer Requests 1, 2 and 3... '

Please provide answers to requests 1, 2 and 3 only

(Refers to previous request FOI-2023-00332, see below)

Request 1

In 2021/22, how many people were reported missing?

Answer

In 2021-22 the Police Service of Northern Ireland managed 10,263 Missing Person reports.

Request 2

How many of them were aged 16 or under?

Answer

The PSNI do not specifically record if they were 16 or under – we do record a category for missing children which is 17 and under. The total number of missing children in this category was 5,706.

Request 3

How many of all missing persons were (i) not found or (ii) found dead?

Answer

- (i) All reported Missing Persons in 2021-22 were located.
- (ii) There were 37 Missing Persons reports with a fatal outcome in 2021-22.

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.

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