



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01378

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

**Subject:** Missing Children

### 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.

### Clarification to Requester

Our records are not kept electronically or in any searchable format prior to 2016, and in order for us to comply with your request would be overcost. Within cost, we can provide the information you seek from 2016 – present day. Would you like us to process this request from 2016 - present day?

### Clarification from Requester

Yes could you please supply the information from the date you have specified 2016 to present day.

### Request 1

How many children in Northern Ireland have gone missing since 2016 to present day?

### Answer 1

A total of 40,179 children were reported missing between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2023.

### Request 2

How many of the above number have been found?

### Answer 2

A total of 40,177 children have been found.

### Request 3

How many of the above number are still missing?

### Answer 3

A total of 2 children are still missing.

### Request 4

How many of the above still missing are open cases?

**Answer 4**

A total of 2 cases still remain open.

**Request 5**

How many of the above still missing, has the case been closed?

**Answer 5**

Cases are not closed where the child is still missing.

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.