



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-00875

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** List of Named Missing Persons 1969 and 1970

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I am seeking to know if the investigation into the disappearances of the following boys is still open and thus are unsolved-

The disappearance of Jonathan Aven, 14 years old from 21 Sydenham Drive and David Leckey 12 years old from Memel Street both in East Belfast disappeared on the 25th of September 1969

#### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I 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.

Where the missing person has not been found, the case will remain open and be the subject of periodic review.

#### Question 2

I am also seeking the details surrounding the disappearances of the following three boys and also if these cases are still open and thus also unsolved

The disappearance of J.Lesithen in East Belfast in 1969.

The disappearance of Ronald Kirk, 16 years old from Barn Road, Carrickfergus, County Antrim on the 8th of January 1970.

The disappearance of John David Glennon, 16 years old from Divismore Crescent, Andersonstown Road, West Belfast on the 8th of January 1970.

#### Answer

In an attempt to respond to your request I have contacted the following Departments Crime Operations, Legacy Investigation Branch and Public Protection Unit and PSNI District Lisburn and Castlereagh.

Searches were conducted on the NICHE computer system with the information provided on your request; however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request

based on the information you have provided in your request. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 Freedom of Information Team, 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 Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office 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. 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 his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

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