



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2019-02435

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Home Office 2004

Request and Answer:

Request 1

Can you kindly confirm for me that Home Office 2004 was withdrawn at High Court in January 2012.

Request 2

Are your Selected Medical Practitioners still adhering to a withdraw circular.

Answer

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislates for the rights of an individual to seek access to **recorded information** held by a public authority. Section 84 of the Act only extends to requests for **recorded information** and does not require public authorities to create information or answer questions, unless of course the answer is already held in recorded form.

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Occupational Health & Welfare (OHW) have confirmed that no recorded information is held in relation to your requests. Selected Medical Practitioners are doctors who are contracted by the NI Policing Board. 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 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 Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing 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.psnipolice.uk

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