

21st October 2024

REFERENCE: FOI24\119

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your follow-up request for information as part of this FOI, dated 2nd October 2024, as detailed below.

'I would like to request information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request 1 can you provide records of how many people were arrested in Northern Ireland for SO related to adult females Not minor, in the last ten years

Request 2 Please break any figure down by ethnic and religious background

Request 3 Of those who were referred to the Public Prosecution Service PPS for prosecutorial decision with their ethnic and religious background

Request 4 Of those who were charged and proceed to trial their ethnic and religious background

Request 5 Of those who were convicted in the court, their ethnic and religious background. '

In relation to the questions you have posed, the Department only holds information about those who have been prosecuted at courts or convicted of sexual offences. However, information on the ethnic and religious background of those prosecuted or convicted at courts is not held, so we are not able to provide the information requested in parts 4 or 5 of your request.

Information in relation to parts 1 to 3 of your request may be available from the Police service of Northern Ireland and the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland. You may wish to approach them for information on numbers of those outcomes. They can be contacted at foi@psni.police.uk and info@ppsni.gov.uk respectively.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DoJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager