



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: FOI 51/2025

Date: 15 October 2025

Request.

Oversight of PSNI Handling of Harassment, Intimidation and ASB
Please provide recorded information since 1 Jan 2020:

1. Oversight reports, minutes, or performance assessments by the Policing Board concerning PSNI's handling of harassment, intimidation, antisocial behaviour, or neighbour disputes.
2. Correspondence with PSNI or DoJ relating to Service Instruction SI0322 (stalking/harassment) or related policies.
3. Data held by the Policing Board on PSNI performance in protecting women, children, or older people from intimidation or harassment.
4. Any thematic reviews, internal working groups, or task forces established by the Policing Board on harassment or intimidation in housing/community contexts.

Answer:

1. Oversight reports, minutes, or performance assessments by the Policing Board concerning PSNI's handling of harassment, intimidation, antisocial behaviour, neighbourhood disputes.

We can confirm that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) holds information within the scope of this question. However, we are withholding that information since we consider that the exemption under section 21 (Information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies to it. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

The Board would address these issues as part of its work and would record and make public where possible its discussions and views on such matters in the following publications that are available from our website with links attached to the relevant documents:

[Human Rights Annual Report 2020/21](#) (See chapter- 3.8 on Page 108)

[Human Rights Annual Report 2021/22](#) (See chapter 8 on Page 88)

[Human Rights 5 Year Review - Final.pdf](#) (See chapter 1 and Pages 23,34,117 and 129)

[Northern Ireland Policing Board Human Rights Annual Report 2024/25](#) (See Chapter 3, pages 16, 23, 30 and 43).

Performance and Partnership Minutes

[Publications - search results | Northern Ireland Policing Board](#)

Search Performance Committee

Search Partnership Committee

Performance Assessments

[Policing Plan & Performance Plan - Annual Assessment 2024-25.pdf](#) (See pages 10 and 11)

2. Correspondence with PSNI or DOJ relating to Service Instruction SI0322 (stalking/harassment related policies)

We have identified the following material as being within the scope of this question -

A copy of the PSNI response to Justice Committee is attached – where redactions have been made this is to remove the personal data of a third party under the exemption at Section 40 (2) of the FOIA.

Performance Committee Paper dated 9 November 2023 – Item 6.7 Stalking Protection Order is attached – along with a copy of Annex A the PSNI's Talking About Stalking Toolkit.

The following link is to a question asked by a Board Member which is accessible on our website. As such the exemption under section 21 (Information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies to it. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

<https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/questions/updated-police-response-stalking>

3. Data held by the Policing Board on PSNI performance in protecting women, children, or older people from intimidation or harassment.

Please see the link below. As this information is accessible on our website the exemption under section 21 (Information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies to it. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

[Policing Plan & Performance Plan - Annual Assessment 2024-25.pdf](#)

(Stalking see Indicator 1.1 on page 21 and for ASB/Neighbourhood see Indicator 2.2 Page 28)

4. Any thematic reviews, internal working groups, task forces established by the Policing Board on harassment or intimidation in housing/community contexts.

The Board does not hold any information within the scope of this question.

If you have queries about this request or the decision, please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service, you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
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Block D
2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
The Gasworks
Belfast
BT7 2JA

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

Please be advised that Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.nipolicingboard.org.uk.

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