



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 35/2026

Date: 26 June 2026

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding statements made to the Northern Ireland Policing Board that some ethnic minority families are stockpiling food because they fear they will be too frightened to leave their homes during the summer.

Please provide:

1. Any reports, surveys, assessments, intelligence summaries, briefing papers, or research relied upon to support this claim.
2. The number of individuals or families who have reported stockpiling food due to fears of leaving their homes, broken down by year where available.
3. Copies of any complaints, incident reports, correspondence, or records (with personal information redacted) referring to such behaviour.
4. Any communications between the PSNI, the Northern Ireland Policing Board, government departments, local councils, NGOs, charities, or community organisations relating to concerns about ethnic minority families stockpiling food because of fear of public disorder, intimidation, racism, or hate crime.
1. Details of when the information was gathered, the methodology used, and the sample size involved if the claim is based on research, surveys, or community engagement.
2. Any equality impact assessments, risk assessments, or strategic assessments that reference this issue.
3. If the claim was based on anecdotal information rather than formal evidence, please provide any records identifying the source of that information and how its reliability was assessed before being presented to the Policing Board.
4. Please confirm whether the PSNI or the Northern Ireland Policing Board holds any quantified evidence demonstrating that food stockpiling among ethnic minority families is occurring on a significant scale. If such evidence exists, please provide it. If no such evidence exists, please confirm this.
5. Please state whether the claim presented to the Policing Board was based on:
 - Recorded incidents;
 - Survey data;
 - Intelligence assessments;
 - Community engagement feedback;
 - Third-party reports; or
 - Anecdotal accounts.
6. Please provide any documentation showing how the accuracy, reliability, and representativeness of the information was assessed before it was presented to the Policing Board.

If any part of this request is exempt from disclosure, please provide the remaining information and explain the specific exemption relied upon.

I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe.

Answer:

Nil return. NIPB do not hold any information relating to a comment made by Peter Osborne during the June 2026 Board Meeting.

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
James House
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

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