



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: 49/2026

Date: 5 October 2026

Request:

Under Freedom of Information legislation in relation to the investigation announced by OPONI in 2023 into PSNI policies and practices when dealing with vulnerable people, and the subsequent report completed and shared with PSNI in 2024, please provide:

1. The precise date the report was sent to/received by the Policing Board
2. Copies of all correspondence/minutes or any other record relating to this report.
3. The rationale provided to the Policing Board for the decision not to publish the report in full or executive summary

Answer:

The Policing Board does not hold any information within the scope of this request. By way of advice and guidance we can advise that the report was never completed. Please see link below to information on the Police Ombudsman NI website, last updated 2026, which confirms the report was never completed.

<https://www.policeombudsman.org/news/investigation-begins-into-psni-policy-practice-relating-to-vulnerable-people-9929973ca712603b10eab84971131a2e>

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:

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

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The Information Commission's Office can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or by

Telephone: - 0303 1231114

Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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