



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 33/2014

Date: 7 October 2014

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the Twitter accounts that have been 'blocked' or 'muted' by your Twitter account.

'Blocked' accounts are no longer be able to follow or message an account, while 'mute' allows you to remove an account's tweets from a timeline without unfollowing or blocking it.

Please disclose the following:

- The total number of Twitter accounts that have been blocked
- The total number of Twitter accounts that have been muted
- A list of the Twitter accounts (e.g. @accountname) that have been blocked; and a list of those accounts that have been muted
- If possible a copy of all available correspondence sent and received (redacted if necessary) through the 'direct message' feature of Twitter using the account.

Answer:

Question 1: The total number of Twitter accounts that have been blocked

No Twitter accounts have been blocked by the Policing Board.

Question 2: The total number of Twitter accounts that have been muted

No Twitter accounts have been muted by the Policing Board.

Question 3: A list of the Twitter accounts (e.g. @accountname) that have been blocked; and a list of those accounts that have been muted

Please see the responses to questions 1 and 2 above.

Question 4: If possible a copy of all available correspondence sent and received (redacted if necessary) through the 'direct message' feature of Twitter using the account.

As the Policing Board has not blocked or muted any Twitter accounts there is no 'direct message' correspondence available from such accounts.

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 write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
3rd Floor
12 Cromac Place
Gasworks
Ormeau Road
Belfast
BT7 2JB.

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.