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Public Prosecution Service
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FOI 60/23-24

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I refer to your email dated 28th April 2023 in which you asked for information regarding intelligence alerts within the PPS. You later clarified your request on 15th May 2023 confirming you required information on cases of possible, suspected or confirmed fraud within the PPS. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“1. How many intelligence alerts did your anti-fraud unit generate in the following time frames:

- a) 2018*
- b) 2019*
- c) 2020*
- d) 2021*
- e) 2022*
- f) 01 Jan 2023 - 30 Apr 2023*

2. How many intelligence alerts did your anti-fraud unit generate in the following time frames relating to suspected or confirmed fraud carried out by government workers/employees and or contractors in the following time frames:

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- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021
- e) 2022
- f) 01 Jan 2023 - 30 Apr 2023

In response, please be advised there have been no cases of fraud or suspected fraud within the PPS for the above period. Therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can confirm that under Section 1(1) (a) of the Act the PPS does not hold the requested information.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Yours sincerely,

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