

## PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Date of Response: 25 May 2023

### Request

I am writing under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 to request the following information:

How many tags/graffiti incidents have been removed by the PBNI's Graffiti Removal Bus from March 1, 2020, to February 27 2023? If possible, could these be broken by District Electoral Area (DEA) please?

### Response

We have carried out all appropriate searches to determine if we hold this information. We do not hold this information. We also checked with Belfast City Council with whom we work in partnership to deliver the graffiti removal service. They have confirmed they do not hold the information.

We can tell you however that in response to the Global Health Pandemic (Covid-19) PBNI's Graffiti Removal Bus was stood down from March 2020 to October 2021 in line with Government Guidance and Health and Safety recommendations in relation to social distancing. No work was carried out during this period and the staff were redeployed to carry out other community service work.

We have sought to locate information from diaries and risk assessments in an effort to help provide some information to you about graffiti removal in Belfast between October 2021 and February 27 2023. We can tell you that graffiti removal was carried out in a number of areas including:

- The Four Winds
- Kingsway substation
- Donegall Pass
- Knockbreda
- Stranmillis
- Holylands
- Writers Square
- Kings Road
- Belmont Road
- East Belfast
- City Cemetery
- Greater Belfast

If it would be useful we are more than happy to set up an in person briefing about some of the work PBNI carry out in relation to graffiti removal.

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please

contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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