

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Request 1

I would like to request information on ACE scores for 1st time offenders for the period Dec 23-June 2024 and relating to charges of

1. Being Concerned in supply of Class A controlled drugs
2. Converting Criminal Property

If I can request number of cases and individual scores allocated or to a portion there of.

Response 1

We have carried out all appropriate searches to determine if we hold this information. We do not hold information regarding 'first time offenders' and we do not hold the rest of the information requested in an easily retrievable format.

Since Service Users can be subject to multiple orders/licences each of which can relate to multiple offences the data linkage to ACE information is complex and requires extensive data validation. It is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Request 2

I would like to request an FOI in relation to ACE scores during 23/24 and being reassessed after 26 weeks and how many were changed and reduced as a result of being re looked at.

Response 2

We do not hold this information in an easily retrievable format. Since Service Users can be subject to multiple orders/licences each of which can relate to multiple offences the data linkage to ACE information is complex and requires extensive data validation. It is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Request 3 part 1

Good morning, I would like to request some information under the FOI act on the following

How many ACE scores were re assessed at the 26 weeks stage of sentence served Period 23/24

How many scores at 26 weeks were

Reduced

Remained same

Increased

Response:

We do not hold this information in an easily retrievable format. As noted above, since Service Users can be subject to multiple orders/licences each of which can relate to multiple offences the data linkage to ACE information is complex and requires extensive data validation. It is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Request 3 part 2

How many cases have had to go under Judicial Review for ACE scores

How many cases scores remained same

How many cases were reduced scores

How many cases increased

Response

We do not hold this information.

Pursuant to section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to offer you advice and assistance with regard to refining your request to within the 'appropriate limit' (time/cost limit) and are happy to do so. Currently our systems limit us to producing timely risk profile analysis at a point in time rather than longitudinally (see our current [statistical outputs](#)). We are investigating new methodologies to allow longitudinal analysis however these are in the early development stage. If point in time ACE analysis would assist with your query, please let us know and this can be provided. Please contact us at FOI@probation-ni.gov.uk.

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.

If you are unhappy with the way PBNI has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review using our complaints procedure. A copy of our [complaints procedure](#) is available on our website www.pbni.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right 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

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