

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Request

I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25000 for May to September 2025.

Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it

Response

Please see the table below. The names of PBNI specific suppliers have been redacted under Section 38 of the FOI Act (Health and Safety). We have included the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) collaborative suppliers and recipients of PBNI's funding grants as this information is already available. A copy of the Public Interest Test in below in Annex A.

Invoices & Credits Over £25k - May 2025 to September 2025	GL Date	Supplier Name	Procurement/Expense Category
222,000.00	11/07/2025	NIACRO*GRANTEE	Grants
222,000.00	20/06/2025	NIACRO*GRANTEE	Grants
200,865.00	06/08/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
196,725.00	06/06/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
163,937.50	08/05/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
79,255.43	23/05/2025	NIACRO*GRANTEE	Grants
71,350.50	24/07/2025		Rental Payment
62,468.57	27/08/2025	GRAHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD	Property Services
54,300.48	27/05/2025		ICT
54,300.48	27/05/2025		ICT
54,300.48	26/08/2025		ICT
54,300.48	26/08/2025		ICT
43,440.39	16/05/2025		ICT
41,510.98	13/05/2025	BRITISH TELECOM PLC	ICT
35,099.44	25/09/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
33,638.16	23/05/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
33,225.32	05/09/2025	GRAHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD	Property Services
32,321.40	26/08/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
30,000.00	01/05/2025	WOMEN'S AID FEDERATION NI*GRANTEE	Grants
29,732.90	19/09/2025	CHC GROUP LTD	Property Services

28,604.08	08/05/2025	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	NICS Contract
26,227.94	07/05/2025	ADDICTION NI*GRANTEE	Grants
25,300.00	05/09/2025	NI AUDIT OFFICE	Audit Fee
25,000.15	07/05/2025	NIACRO*GRANTEE	Grants

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 have the right to request an Internal Review of the decision within two months of receiving this response letter. All FOI complaints or requests for a review should be made in writing to the Head of Communications and Compliance via the FOI mailbox: FOI@probation-ni.gov.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 5AF.

Please note that PBNI publishes responses to requests for information on its website where we believe there may be a wider public interest. If requests are published they are anonymised i.e. details of the requester are not published.

Public Interest Test - Section 38 Exemption (Health and Safety)

Harm Test

Disclosing the recipient of each transaction would identify individuals or company names that have been awarded a contract with the Probation Board and could put those individuals that work for the company at risk of harassment and impact on their safety. As the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department of Justice the release of the recipient names would highlight their association with the Probation Board/Department of Justice. Terrorism in Northern Ireland still remains a threat, the terrorism threat level is currently recorded as substantial.

Public Interest Test Factors Favouring Release – Section 38

Releasing the information would promote openness, transparency and accountability to the public. There is always a strong public interest in information that relates to the use of public funds and the procurement of services.

Factors Favouring Retention – Section 38

There are concerns that release of this information would, or would be likely to endanger the physical health and or, the safety of individuals due to security reasons. Release of this information could be of interest to those looking to commit acts of crime or terrorism. It is never in the public interest to endanger the health and safety of any individual or group of individuals.

Decision

Whilst transparency about the use of public funds is always a strong argument in favour of releasing information, the balance will always favour retention where there is a risk to the safety of individuals. At this time, there is still a threat in Northern Ireland and to release the names of recipients of transactions for providing a service to the Probation Board could assist criminals in targeting individuals or companies. In this case, therefore the decision must favour not releasing the names of the recipients. The safety of individuals is crucial, and the Probation Board will not disclose any information which could put lives or property at risk. PBNI specific contract suppliers should therefore be redacted. The response can include the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) collaborative supplier names and recipients of PBNI funding grants, as this information is already published in the public domain.

