

PBNI disclosure Log – response to Request
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Request

- Q1. How many applications have the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) made to the Parole Commissioners to have a supervised order amended to an unsupervised order?
- Q2. How many of these applications have been approved without amendment?
- Q3. How many of these applications have been approved with amendment?
- Q4. How many of these applications have been rejected?

Response

Q1. We had clarified previously that not all life sentenced prisoners released from custody are on a supervised licence. Based on available PBNI records, as at 31 January 2013, PBNI have made 15 applications to the Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland (formerly the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for Northern Ireland) to have supervision removed i.e. to have a supervised licence amended to an unsupervised licence.

Q2. & Q3. You had confirmed that you mean, has any application made by the Probation Board for Northern Ireland to have a supervised licence amended to an unsupervised licence, been changed in any way by the Parole Commissioners?

All 15 applications to the Life Sentence Review Commissioners made by PBNI, for an amendment to a supervised licence were approved. There may be conditions attached to a licence relevant to other organisations which can still apply (or be amended) when probation supervision is removed. If it is this information you require you should write to the Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland, Linum Chambers, 9th floor, 2 Bedford Square, Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7ES.

Q4. None - all of PBNI's applications to have a supervised licence amended to an unsupervised licence were approved.

If you have any queries about this response, or if I have misinterpreted your request in any way, 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 5AF.