



PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

Category: Probation Supervision

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Request

To whom this may concern

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am currently trying to discern what data, if any, the Probation service holds regarding the housing status of individuals they are working with. Does the Probation Service hold information on whether an individual is experiencing homelessness (a) at the beginning of the probation process and (b) at the end?

Any assistance in this would be much appreciated.

Response

We have searched our records and taken all reasonable steps to locate the information requested.

PBNI uses an assessment process called ACE (Assessment, Case Management and Evaluation) system. ACE is used by PBNI, in conjunction with professional judgement, to assess the likelihood of general reoffending. As part of that assessment we consider the individual's circumstances including their accommodation. The most recent information we hold on ACE is available at <https://www.pbni.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ACE-Profile-of-New-Starts-2017-18.pdf>

PBNI however does not hold the information you have specifically requested in a format which we could easily process for you. It would require manually going through each case which we would be unable to do. We do not specifically collate or process statistics in homelessness.

We do however have an Assistant Director who leads on the area of accommodation and if it would be useful to speak or meet with her she would be happy to do so and can be contacted via email at Liz.Arthur@probation-ni.gov.uk.

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