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FOI 586/23-24

15 February 2024

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I refer to your email dated of 18 January 2024 in which you asked for information in respect of jurisdiction. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

1) Stephen Herron has made a claim upon me, which is that he, as the Director of the PPS, believes he his rules apply to me and that he has authority over me, and that he can command me to attend Belfast Laganside Courts (Crown & Magistrates).

Since I have NEVER CONSENTED to Stephen Herron or anyone of the PPS having authority over me, and as I don't believe Stephen Herron has any proof that of his claim upon me or proof that I consented to him having authority over me, I am requesting sight of PROOF OF CLAIM and PROOF OF AUTHORITY from Stephen Herron the Director of the PPS.

2) If Stephen Herron director of the PPS believes that he has gained authority to make his claims upon me from a third party - such as the British Monarch Charles or Elizabeth before him, or from any representative of any of the political parties that assume the role of a stand-in Government in Northern Ireland, then I am requesting PROOF of any alleged contract wherein I have granted anyone authority over me

In response please be advised that the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland is appointed by the Attorney General for Northern Ireland in accordance with s.30 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 [Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2002 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#) . The powers to institute, and have the conduct of, criminal proceedings are contained in s.31 of the same Act [Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2002 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#) and subsequent sections.

The issue of your consent to proceedings being brought against you has no legal basis. I would recommend that you seek independent legal advice and would refer you to the Law Society of Northern Ireland [The Law Society of Northern Ireland \(lawsoc-ni.org\)](#).

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish 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

Yours sincerely,

Information Management Team
Public Prosecution Service