
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Detective Chief Superintendent Bobby Singleton has answered some of the questions received by the Commission in reference to the PSNI's temporary suspension of legacy investigations:

Has my investigation been stopped?

If your case was under review or investigation by the PSNI's Legacy Investigation Branch then the answer is yes. I would stress that is a temporary position. We recognise and understand this will disappoint some families but I can assure them that the decision was not taken lightly. It has been deemed absolutely necessary to ensure that PSNI has a sufficient number of detectives to continue to respond to serious crime during the height of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Will this be a permanent halt to my investigation?

No it is our intention to return to these investigations and reviews as soon as possible. The need for the 'temporary pause' of this work will be kept under live review to make sure it is for no longer than necessary.

Will this affect the quality of my investigation?

No it won't. All information that we are working on is historical and a temporary halt will not affect the quality of what we do.

How will I know when the investigation has resumed?

Officers from PSNI's Legacy Investigation Branch will contact families to advise them of any change in the status of their review or investigation.

Will I be told directly when my investigation has resumed?

Yes we'll be contacting families to advise them of any change in the status of their review or investigation.

Who can I talk in the interim about my investigation?

Families can continue to contact the officers with whom they have been liaising up until now. In addition we will continue to monitor our correspondence address: zLIBEnquiries@psni.pnn.police.uk

What support is available to me?

The Commission for Victims and Survivors is available remotely to discuss hear your views, concerns enquires and point you in the direction of help and support.

You can contact the Commission by email, commission@cvsni.org, or telephone (028) 9031 1000.

The Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) are also working remotely and their staff are available to support your health and wellbeing needs.

The VSS can be contacted by emailing enquiries@vssni.org, or by telephone on (028) 9027 9100.