

## PSNI STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES

The following Table describe the administrative/management sources which the Police Service of Northern Ireland currently uses to produce its National Statistics;

### 1. Statistical usage of our own organisation's administrative or management sources

Name/Title of Administrative Data Source	Name of overarching Administrative System (if different)	Main administrative purpose of this source/system	Geospatial Coverage	Title(s) of all Statistical Products derived from this Source
NICHE (a product specifically designed for police services to record and manage occurrences)		Custody processing, occurrence and case management	Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recorded Crime</li> <li>- Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes</li> <li>- Hate Incidents and Crimes</li> <li>- Drug Seizures and Arrests</li> <li>- Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties</li> </ul>
Command & Control		Management of incidents reported to/dealt with by police	Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statistics on the security situation</li> </ul>

### 2. Statistical usage of other organisations' administrative or management sources

All of PSNI's National Statistics are currently sourced solely from PSNI systems.

### 3. Detailed information about the Police Service of Northern Ireland's governance arrangements for its own administrative or management sources

Requirement	PSNI position
Arrangements for providing statistical staff (whether inside or outside the organisation) with access to administrative or management sources for statistical purposes	Staff within the PSNI's Statistics Branch are given access to the NICHE system and to the PSNI's Command & Control system after being appropriately vetted. Access to these systems is controlled and auditable to ensure compliance with relevant legislation. Staff are also given access to data files which are extracted from these systems on a daily basis.
Arrangements for auditing the quality of the original source data	<p>The PSNI's Statistics Branch validates key aspects of each crime and detection on the Niche system for compliance with the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime. Additional data checks are run to ensure the internal validity and completeness of data for statistical purposes. The majority of all quality improvements are made to the original source data on Niche.</p> <p>Similarly, with injury Road Traffic Collisions, the PSNI's Statistics Branch checks that the relevant details are submitted by the investigating officer for each injury collision identified on the PSNI's Command &amp; Control system. The details collated for each injury RTC are consistent with those collated in England &amp; Wales and various data quality checks are conducted in order to ensure these are accurate. Again, the majority of all quality improvements are made to the original source data on Niche</p> <p>Audits were conducted on ASB incidents on the Command &amp; Control system up to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 but these then ceased during May – August 2011 due to lack of staff resources. These audits recommenced in September 2011.</p>

Requirement	PSNI position
Procedures for handling changes, and possible discontinuities, in the underlying source data	Statistical staff are consulted on potential changes to both the system and data collection processes to ensure that the key statistical data series are not affected.
Procedures for ensuring the security of the statistical processes which use administrative or management sources	The data source and any associated data files are held on secure servers within the organisation. These can only be accessed by relevant staff and are not transmitted outside the organisation.

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