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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01808
Keyword: Crime
Subject: ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME 2008/9

Request and Answer:

Question

Request information/statistics on alcohol related crime/offences in 2008/2009.

Answer

Please see document below.

Please note that PSNI do not feel that the figures supplied are reliable or meaningful and for this reason are not included on the PSNI website.

The provision of this information relies on the use of the alcohol motivation marker which is a field used for recording perceptions as to whether or not the offence was alcohol related, or if the person committing the offence was affected by/under the influence of alcohol. These alcohol-related motivation markers are not quality assured, therefore, it may be incomplete and inaccurate.

Please also note that these figures relate only to recorded crime and exclude incidents such as disorderly behaviour, and those incidents where no crime occurred.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Recorded alcohol¹ related crime by Home Office crime classification

2008/09

Northern Ireland

	Recorded
Offences against the person	4,247
Sexual offences	101
Burglary	100
Robbery	28
Theft	327
Fraud and Forgery	20
Criminal Damage	1,152
Offences against the state	99
Other notifiable offences	225
Total	6,299

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Alcohol related offences have been identified through the completion of motivation fields recording perceptions as to whether or not the offence was alcohol related or if the person committing the offence was affected by/under the influence of alcohol. Please note that the application of these alcohol-related motivations are not quality assured by Central Statistics Unit.

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Please note that these figures are based on operational information and may be subject to change