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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00928

Keyword: Crime

Subject: CHILDREN QUESTIONED IN RELATION TO CRIMINAL OFFENCES

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like information on the number of children under the age of ten who have been questioned in relation to criminal offences in the past 12 months (1st March 2008 to 1st March 2009).

Question 2

I would like details of each child's age, gender and what offence they were questioned about.

Answer

Please see attached PDF 00928

The information in the attached PDF has been produced after a manual check of records held within the Community Safety Department of the PSNI. Information extracted in this manner has the potential for a greater margin of error.

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

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

Incidents involving Children Under 10

From : 01 March 2008 to 01 March 2009

Age	Gender	Offence Type	Number of Children
4	Male	Sexual Offences	1
		Theft	1
5	Female	Criminal Damage	1
		Hoax Calls	1
	Male	Criminal Damage	2
		Hoax Calls	2
		Theft	1
6	Male	Common Assault	1
		Criminal Damage	3
		Hoax Calls	1
		Sexual Offences	1
		Theft	2
7	Female	Hoax Calls	1
		Theft	2
	Male	Common Assault	2
		Criminal Damage	4
		Motoring	1
		Sexual Offences	1
		Theft	4
8	Female	Common Assault	2
	Male	Arson	1
		Common Assault	1
		Criminal Damage	8
		Disorderly Behaviour	1
		GBH	1
		Public Order Related	1
		Sexual Offences	1
Theft	4		
9	Female	Alcohol Related	1
		Common Assault	3
		Criminal Damage	3
		Sexual Offences	1
		Theft	3
	Male	Alcohol Related	1
		Common Assault	6
		Criminal Damage	4
		Disorderly Behaviour	1
		Hoax Calls	1
		Motoring	1
		Theft	1
		Total Number of Children	

