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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02542

Keyword: Crime

Subject: CRUELTY AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN

Request and Answer:

Question 1

In relation to the 08/09 financial year can you please state for each of the following crimes how many people were (a) charged by your force and (b) cautioned by your force.

Note that for each crime I have added the Home Office coding.

- 11. Cruelty to and neglect of children
- 17A. Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over
- 17B. Sexual assault on a male child under 13
- 19C. Rape of a female aged 16 and over
- 19D. Rape of a female child under 16
- 19E. Rape of a female child under 13
- 19F. Rape of a male aged 16 and over
- 19G. Rape of a male child under 16
- 19H. Rape of a male child under 13
- 20A. Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over
- 20B. Sexual assault on a female child under 13
- 21. Sexual activity involving a child under 13
- 22A. Causing sexual activity without consent
- 22B. Sexual activity involving a child under 16
- 70. Sexual activity etc. with a person with a mental disorder
- 72. Trafficking for sexual exploitation
- 10A. Possession of firearms with intent
- 10D. Possession of article with blade or point

I would also like internet pornography offences which I think are categorised under 86. Obscene publications etc. and protected sexual material or 71. Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography. If this is the wrong code for internet child pornography offences then please could you use the correct offence?

Answer

Please find attached records below.

Please note that in relation to the Rape offences for male and female over 16, the original request is in relation to "Cruelty to and neglect of children etc". The figures in these categories may show all rapes over 16 and not just those against children.

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.

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Selected Recorded and cleared offences by clearance method

2008/09 - Northern Ireland

	Cleared	Cleared by means of Charge/ Summons ¹	Cleared by means of Caution ^{1,2,4}
Cruelty to and neglect of children	1	1	0
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	12	9	3
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	8	6	2
Rape of a female aged 16 and over	37	36	0
Rape of a female child under 16	22	20	2
Rape of a female child under 13	20	20	0
Rape of a male aged 16 and over	3	2	0
Rape of a male child under 16	0	0	0
Rape of a male child under 13	3	3	0
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	101	92	9
Sexual assault on a female child under 13	46	44	2
Sexual activity involving a child under 13 ³	0	0	0
Causing sexual activity without consent ³	2	2	0
Sexual activity involving a child under 16 ³	1	1	0
Sexual activity etc. with a person with a mental disorder	0	0	0
Trafficking for sexual exploitation	0	0	0
Possession of firearms with intent	15	12	2
Possession of article with blade or point	47	44	3
Indecent Photographs etc	19	15	4

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ The number of offences cleared by means of charge/summons and caution are included in the total offences cleared.

² Cautions include adult cautions, adult informed warnings, juvenile restorative cautions, juvenile informed warnings and juvenile prosecutorial diversions.

³ A change in sexual offence legislation in Northern Ireland from 2nd February 2009 means that certain Home Office categories are only available from this time.

⁴ Cautions are not generally considered with regard to these offences however there have been cases where it has not been in the interest of the victim or they have been unable to participate in the criminal justice process.