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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01473

Keyword: Crime

Subject: KNIFE CRIME 2008/9

Request and Answer:

Question

The number of serious offences involving knives, or bladed or sharp instruments for the financial year 2008/2009 up to March 2009. I would like figures for the following categories (based on a new way of recording offences that was brought in by the Home Office last year): Murder, Attempted murder, Wounding with intent to do GBH, Robbery of business property, Robbery of personal property.

Answer

Please refer to the attached document below.

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

**Recorded offences where a knife/bladed/sharp instrument¹ was involved
in the incident²**

2008/09

Northern Ireland

| | Recorded |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Murder | 8 |
| Attempted Murder | 44 |
| Wounding with intent/ GBH with intent | 263 |
| Robbery of business property | 143 |
| Robbery of personal property | 92 |

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Knife/bladed/sharp instrument includes the categories: axe, bottle/glass, knife/bladed, sharp instrument, syringe, bow/spear gun and other piercing or cutting.

² The figures relate to crimes where a knife/sharp/bladed instrument was involved in the incident – it is not known how the instrument was actually used.