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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01187

Keyword: Crime

Subject: RAPE ALLEGATIONS/CLAIMS - 2003 & 2008

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested.

Question 1

The number of rape allegations/claims in 2003

Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Section 21 of the Act provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information.

The information you have requested is available from the following website.

http://www.psnl.police.uk/updates_crime_statistics_archive

Question 2

The number of rape allegations/claims where alcohol was listed as a contributing factor in 2003

Answer

Please find attached document below.

The information provided identifies alcohol related offences based on the completion of motivation fields on the data input form. This information is a perception 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 and does not specifically state whether or not alcohol was a contributing factor.

Question 3

The number of rape allegations/claims in 2008

Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Section 21 of the Act provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information.

The information you have requested is available from the following website;

http://www.psnl.police.uk/update_crime_statistics

Question 4

The number of rape allegations/claims where alcohol was listed as a contributing factor in 2008

Answer

Please find attached document below.

The information provided identifies alcohol related offences based on the completion of motivation fields on the data input form. This information is a perception 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 and does not specifically state whether or not alcohol was a contributing factor.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psni.police.uk/>

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

Recorded alcohol¹ related rape (incl. attempts) offences

Northern Ireland

	Alcohol ¹ related rape & attempted rape offences
2003	67
2008	23

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.

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