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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00003

Keyword: Crime

Subject: SCHOOL CRIME

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

How many times were PSNI officers called to school premises for an attempted or actual violent crime in each of the last five years (2004 to 2008)? Please provide a breakdown by DCU/area.

Question 2

How many of the above offenders were dealt with by (i) caution (ii) charge/summons? Please provide a breakdown by DCU/area.

Question 3

How many weapons have been seized from school premises in each of the last five years (2004 to 2008)? Please provide a breakdown by DCU/area and the type of weapon (e.g. knives, guns).

The following clarification was approved by the requester: -

Question 1

The question asks how many times PSNI officers were called to school premises. We can provide the number of violent crimes reported to the police where the location is a school - this may include reports where police did not attend.

Question 2

Central Statistics Branch cannot provide information on how offenders were dealt with. We can provide information as to whether those offences identified for Question 1 were cleared by means of charge/summons or caution.

Question 3

Central Statistics Branch cannot provide information on weapons seized. We can provide the number of possession of offensive weapon offences and also the number of firearms offences where the location is a school.

Answer

Please Find attached information as requested within 0000001895.pdf

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.

**Violent crime¹ reported to the police where MO location information indicates occurrence to have taken place at a school² and, for those offences reported whether they have since been cleared by means of caution or charge/summons
Calendar Year 2004 to 2008**

DCU/Area	2004		
	Number of violent crimes recorded	Of those recorded during 2004, the number since cleared by means of:	
		caution	charge / summons
Antrim	12	0	2
Ards	12	1	0
Armagh	3	1	1
Banbridge	8	2	0
East Belfast	21	4	0
North Belfast	12	1	1
South Belfast	6	2	0
West Belfast	14	2	0
Ballymena	19	2	4
Ballymoney	2	1	0
Carrickfergus	8	0	1
Coleraine	11	0	1
Cookstown	3	1	0
Craigavon	32	3	1
Castlereagh	12	1	1
Dungannon & South Tyrone	12	1	2
Down	9	1	0
Fermanagh	6	0	0
Foyle	17	2	0
Larne	1	1	0
Limavady	4	1	0
Lisburn	16	1	3
Magherafelt	5	0	1
Moyle	1	0	0
Newtownabbey	16	1	1
North Down	11	1	1
Newry & Mourne	11	2	3
Omagh	6	1	1
Strabane	13	2	1
Total all Areas	303	35	25

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

These figures are provisional and may be subject to change

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DCU/Area	2005		
	Number of violent crimes recorded	Of those recorded during 2005, the number since cleared by means of:	
		caution	charge / summons
Antrim	9	1	0
Ards	17	1	2
Armagh	2	0	0
Banbridge	8	0	0
East Belfast	16	5	3
North Belfast	16	1	3
South Belfast	7	1	1
West Belfast	10	1	0
Ballymena	26	1	0
Ballymoney	3	0	0
Carrickfergus	4	1	1
Coleraine	5	1	0
Cookstown	4	1	0
Craigavon	19	2	2
Castlereagh	8	1	1
Dungannon & South Tyrone	0	0	0
Down	16	0	1
Fermanagh	6	2	1
Foyle	16	3	2
Larne	0	0	0
Limavady	7	2	2
Lisburn	5	1	0
Magherafelt	6	0	0
Moyle	2	0	0
Newtownabbey	18	0	2
North Down	13	3	2
Newry & Mourne	3	1	0
Omagh	5	0	0
Strabane	6	0	0
Total all Areas	257	29	23

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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DCU/Area	2006		
	Number of violent crimes recorded	Of those recorded during 2006, the number since cleared by means of:	
		caution	charge / summons
Antrim	10	0	1
Ards	14	5	0
Armagh	9	0	0
Banbridge	8	0	0
East Belfast	9	1	1
North Belfast	13	2	0
South Belfast	3	0	0
West Belfast	10	0	0
Ballymena	15	2	0
Ballymoney	11	0	1
Carrickfergus	5	1	0
Coleraine	5	1	0
Cookstown	8	2	0
Craigavon	28	3	2
Castlereagh	12	4	0
Dungannon & South Tyrone	0	0	0
Down	20	9	0
Fermanagh	10	3	0
Foyle	17	4	1
Larne	0	0	0
Limavady	9	2	0
Lisburn	15	2	1
Magherafelt	7	0	1
Moyle	6	2	0
Newtownabbey	27	3	1
North Down	15	5	1
Newry & Mourne	6	0	0
Omagh	7	1	0
Strabane	8	2	1
Total all Areas	307	54	11

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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DCU/Area	2007		
	Number of violent crimes recorded	Of those recorded during 2007, the number since cleared by means of:	
		caution	charge / summons
Antrim	8	0	0
Ards	15	2	0
Armagh	5	0	0
Banbridge	4	0	0
East Belfast	8	2	0
North Belfast	27	0	5
South Belfast	8	0	0
West Belfast	8	1	0
Ballymena	14	1	0
Ballymoney	5	1	0
Carrickfergus	2	0	0
Coleraine	5	2	0
Cookstown	3	1	0
Craigavon	13	2	2
Castlereagh	4	0	0
Dungannon & South Tyrone	3	0	1
Down	12	2	1
Fermanagh	11	1	0
Foyle	22	1	2
Larne	2	0	0
Limavady	10	1	0
Lisburn	16	4	1
Magherafelt	5	1	0
Moyle	4	0	0
Newtownabbey	24	6	0
North Down	10	2	2
Newry & Mourne	15	1	0
Omagh	9	0	1
Strabane	0	0	0
Total all Areas	272	31	15

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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DCU/Area	2008 ³		
	Number of violent crimes recorded	Of those recorded during 2008, the number since cleared by means of:	
		caution	charge / summons
Antrim	10	0	0
Ards	10	1	1
Armagh	4	0	1
Banbridge	6	0	0
East Belfast	12	0	1
North Belfast	28	3	8
South Belfast	9	1	1
West Belfast	10	1	2
Ballymena	11	0	3
Ballymoney	3	1	0
Carrickfergus	9	2	0
Coleraine	6	0	1
Cookstown	4	0	0
Craigavon	22	2	0
Castlereagh	11	1	3
Dungannon & South Tyrone	5	0	0
Down	8	0	1
Fermanagh	4	1	0
Foyle	17	0	1
Larne	4	0	0
Limavady	3	0	0
Lisburn	18	2	1
Magherafelt	5	2	0
Moyle	3	1	0
Newtownabbey	8	1	0
North Down	13	2	1
Newry & Mourne	6	0	0
Omagh	11	0	0
Strabane	9	2	0
Total all Areas	269	23	25

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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**Possession of offensive weapon⁴ and firearm offences where MO locational information indicates occurrence to have taken place at a school
Calendar Year 2004 to 2008**

DCU/Area	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ³
Antrim	1	0	0	0	0
Ards	0	0	0	1	1
Armagh	0	0	0	0	0
Banbridge	0	0	1	0	0
East Belfast	0	0	0	1	2
North Belfast	1	0	0	0	1
South Belfast	0	0	1	0	0
West Belfast	0	0	0	0	0
Ballymena	0	1	2	0	0
Ballymoney	0	0	0	0	0
Carrickfergus	0	1	0	0	0
Coleraine	0	0	1	1	0
Cookstown	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon	0	1	0	2	0
Castlereagh	0	1	0	0	2
Dungannon & South Tyrone	0	0	1	0	0
Down	0	1	0	0	0
Fermanagh	0	0	0	1	0
Foyle	0	1	2	0	0
Larne	0	0	0	1	0
Limavady	0	0	0	0	0
Lisburn	0	2	1	2	2
Magherafelt	0	0	0	0	0
Moyle	1	0	0	0	0
Newtownabbey	0	0	0	2	0
North Down	0	0	2	0	0
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0
Omagh	0	0	0	0	1
Strabane	0	0	0	0	0
Total all Areas	3	8	11	11	9

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Weapon Types from offences recorded in above table	
Knife/bladed	32
Ammunition	3
Bat/club/baton	3
Knuckle duster	2
BB gun	1
Garden fork	1
All weapon types	42

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Violent crime includes Offences against the person, Sexual offences and Robberies. Attempts as well as substantive offences are included in the figures.

² While the offence may have taken place on school premises, it may have occurred outside school hours.

³ While all figures based on MO information are always provisional and subject to change, all recorded crime figures for 2008 are provisional until they are finalised at the end of the 2008/09 financial year.

⁴ The possession of offensive weapon offences include all offences of possessing article with blade or point on school premises and possessing offensive weapon on school premises.

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