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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00045

Keyword: Crime

Subject: SCHOOL CRIMES

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 has the PSNI been called out to schools in Northern Ireland during the past two years to deal with violence - broken down on a school type and district area basis. Please also detail what action was taken.

Question 2

How many crimes have been reported as taking place on school premises in last two years - please include the age of the alleged offender, what offence was committed and the action taken by police (arrest/caution/charge).

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland contacted you with regard what information we could and could not supply stating the following: -

Taking both Question 1 and Question 2 together - Central Statistics can provide the number of violent crimes reported to the police where the location is a school, which may not be the same as the number of times PSNI have been called out to schools to deal with violence.

Central Statistics Branch can also provide details of whether the offences reported have since been cleared (e.g. by charge/summons/caution), although we cannot provide information on arrests, age of offender or any other action taken.

You confirmed that you were happy to proceed, please find attached requested information 0000001845.pdf

Please Note: These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.

Recorded Violent¹ Crime offences where the MO location indicates the incident to have occurred at a school² by Policing Area and school name and, for those offences reported whether they have since been cleared by means of caution or charge/summons

All recorded crime where the MO location indicates the incident to have occurred at a school² by Home office crime classification and, for those offences reported whether they have since been cleared by means of caution or charge/summons

1. Violent crime includes offences against the state, sexual offences and robberies.
2. While the offence may have taken place on school premises, it may have occurred outside school hours.

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.psnipolice.uk/>

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

2006/07

Area	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Antrim	7	1	1
Ards	13	0	4
Armagh	7	1	1
Banbridge	9	0	0
East Belfast	5	1	0
North Belfast	18	2	2
South Belfast	7	1	1
West Belfast	9	1	0
Ballymena	21	0	3
Ballymoney	13	2	4
Carrickfergus	4	0	1
Coleraine	3	0	1
Cookstown	4	0	1
Craigavon	23	3	3
Castlereagh	6	0	3
Dungannon & South Tyrone	0	0	0
Down	19	0	13
Fermanagh	9	0	3
Foyle	16	1	4
Larne	0	0	0
Limavady	10	0	1
Lisburn	15	0	2
Magherafelt	7	1	0
Moyle	3	0	1
Newtownabbey	38	2	10
North Down	16	1	5
Newry & Mourne	9	0	0
Omagh	11	1	0
Strabane	6	1	2
Total	308	19	66

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

2006/07

Home office crime class	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Offences against the person	278	15	65
Sexual Offences	28	3	1
Burglaries	254	35	12
Robberies	2	1	0
Thefts	233	5	15
Fraud and Forgery	1	0	0
Criminal Damage	793	16	25
Offences against the state	15	1	2
Other notifiable offences	29	2	18
Total	1633	78	138

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

School Name	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Nursery School	1	0	0
Primary School	19	1	2
High School	29	4	6
Secondary School	3	0	1
Grammer School	6	1	0
College	6	0	1
Special School	5	0	1
Unknown	239	13	55
Total	308	19	66

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

2007/08

Area	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Antrim	8	0	0
Ards	17	0	2
Armagh	3	0	0
Banbridge	6	0	0
East Belfast	13	0	2
North Belfast	27	7	2
South Belfast	7	1	0
West Belfast	9	0	2
Ballymena	9	0	1
Ballymoney	3	0	1
Carrickfergus	6	0	0
Coleraine	6	1	2
Cookstown	4	0	1
Craigavon	15	2	2
Castlereagh	9	2	1
Dungannon & South Tyrone	4	1	0
Down	6	0	2
Fermanagh	10	0	1
Foyle	22	2	1
Larne	4	0	0
Limavady	7	0	1
Lisburn	17	1	5
Magherafelt	5	0	2
Moyle	4	0	0
Newtownabbey	11	0	2
North Down	10	2	4
Newry & Mourne	11	0	1
Omagh	8	1	0
Strabane	3	0	0
Total	264	20	35

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

2007/08

Home office crime class	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Offences against the person	230	17	33
Sexual Offences	34	3	2
Burglaries	282	24	12
Robberies	0	0	0
Thefts	193	6	7
Fraud and Forgery	3	0	0
Criminal Damage	578	7	21
Offences against the state	13	0	8
Other notifiable offences	25	1	13
Total	1358	58	96

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

School Name	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number since cleared by means of:	
		Charge/Summons	Caution
Nursery School	5	3	0
Primary School	58	5	5
High School	69	3	13
Secondary School	6	0	2
Grammar School	39	2	8
College	43	6	5
Special School	6	0	0
Institute Of Further & Higher Education	1	0	0
Education Resource Centre	1	0	0
Western Education & Library Board	2	0	1
Unknown	34	1	1
Total	264	20	35

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI