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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00187

Keyword: Crime

Subject: VICTIMS OF CRIME - COUNTY TYRONE

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request disclosure of the following information relating to victims of crime for EACH of the following areas in Co Tyrone – Dungannon, Cookstown, Omagh and Strabane – for the 2008 calendar year.

How many persons aged 16 and under reported they were the victim of a criminal offence in each of these areas during the last calendar year? Please provide a comprehensive breakdown by crime category (i.e. how many victims of assault, robbery, indecent assault etc). In each crime category please specify the age of the youngest person to report they were the victim of that offence.

In clarification you agreed that for the purpose of keeping the data at a higher level, we should proceed with the three broad violent crime categories - offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery - for each of these areas.

Answer

Please find attached records numbered 1910.pdf

Question 2

How many persons aged 65 and over reported they were the victim of a criminal offence in each of these areas during the last calendar year? Please provide a comprehensive breakdown by crime category (i.e. how many victims of assault, robbery, indecent assault etc). In each crime category please specify the age of the oldest person to report they were the victim of that offence.

Again, in clarification you agreed that for the purpose of keeping the data at a higher level, we should proceed with the three broad violent crime categories - offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery - for each of these areas.

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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 violent crime offences by selected policing areas and Home Office crime classification

2008¹

		Dungannon & South Tyrone	Cookstown	Strabane	Omagh
Offences against the person	All Ages	558	558	506	770
	16 and under	70	73	85	109
	65+	12	2	8	9
	Age unknown	6	12	17	8
Sexual Offences	All Ages	38	22	35	51
	16 and under	19	14	18	26
	65+	0	0	0	0
	Age unknown	5	3	2	3
Robberies	All Ages	12	9	17	14
	16 and under	0	1	1	2
	65+	1	2	1	5
	Age unknown	5	1	5	2
All Violent Crime	All Ages	608	589	558	835
	16 and under	89	88	104	137
	65+	13	4	9	14
	Age unknown	16	16	24	13

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Recorded age of youngest and oldest victims of violent crime by selected policing areas and Home Office crime classification

2008¹

		Age of youngest victim (years)	Age of oldest victim (years)
Dungannon & South Tyrone	Offences against the person	1	80
	Sexual Offences	4	43
	Robberies	17	83
Cookstown	Offences against the person	0	67
	Sexual Offences	6	37
	Robberies	15	79
Strabane	Offences against the person	2	84
	Sexual Offences	5	56
	Robberies	16	79
Omagh	Offences against the person	3	82
	Sexual Offences	4	60
	Robberies	14	83

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ The 2008 figures include information for the current financial year. These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.