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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03466

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** VOLUNTARY ATTENDANCE

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of times in 2008 when the PSNI, rather than arresting a suspect immediately, arranged a time in the future when the suspect could voluntarily attend a police station for interview.

#### Answer

There were 12,105 individuals who voluntarily attended Police Service of Northern Ireland establishments in 2008. Information is not held on whether or not they attended voluntarily rather than being arrested.

Please find the following link to the Freedom of Information question 2008-04643 which may also be of interest

[http://www.psnipolice.uk/voluntary\\_attendance\\_and\\_necessity\\_to\\_arrest.pdf](http://www.psnipolice.uk/voluntary_attendance_and_necessity_to_arrest.pdf)

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