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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-01905

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** INCIDENTS AT CLOUGHFERN CORNER, NEWTOWNABBEY

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many reported incidents have the Police Service received in relation to Cloughfern Corner, Doagh Road, Newtownabbey since 10 September 2005?

#### Answer

The Police have received 18 reported incidents in relation to Cloughfern Corner, Doagh Road, Newtownabbey since 10 September 2005.

#### Question 2

How many times, and at what cost, has the Police Service attended incidents at Cloughfern Corner from the same date?

#### Answer

Police have been called to Cloughfern Corner on 18 occasions since 10 September 2005. With reference to the costing, PSNI would not keep such records regarding the costings of investigations / police attendance.

#### Question 3

Have any injuries been reported in relation to these incidents?

#### Answer

There were no injuries in the incidents reported.

#### Question 4

How many people have been arrested/charged/or received warnings for starting fires/criminal damage/anti-social behaviour at this location?

#### Answer

Reports include public order and an attempted hijacking following Whiterock in September 2005 and more recently fire setting, road traffic collisions, street drinking, public order, criminal damage to passing vehicles and firework nuisance. To give an idea of trend 6 occurred between September and November 2005, 4 occurred through 2006, 3 in 2007, 1 in 2008 and 4 in 2009.

There was one arrest for possession of an offensive weapon, no other arrests / charges / warnings known.

#### Question 5

What action has the Police Service taken or intend to take to prevent further incidents at this spot?

#### Answer

At present we do not have any Problem Orientated Police Initiatives for Cloughfern. The reason being Cloughfern area

as a policing issue does not flag up any major difficulties. The area is policed by local Neighbour Policing Team, Police Officers Part Time and Response Patrols on a daily basis.

Incident information was retrieved by searching the PSNI crime/incident recording database.

All incidents with Cloughfern Corners in the address are included. Additionally, incidents occurring between No. 100 and No. 180 Doagh Road and at any unspecified location (i.e. no building number) along the Doagh Road were retrieved, assessed for proximity to Cloughfern Corners and included when appropriate. Where there was inadequate information to determine proximity to Cloughfern Corners or any other point on the Doagh Road incidents are not included in the figures provided, however all possible steps to ensure accuracy have been taken.

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