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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01849

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests of Children

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

I would like to know the number of children aged 10 and under who have been arrested for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 so far. I would also like a breakdown by year, age and type of crime please.

Answer

Please find attached tables detailing recorded crimes involving children aged 10 and under for financial years 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10.

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 letter.

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.

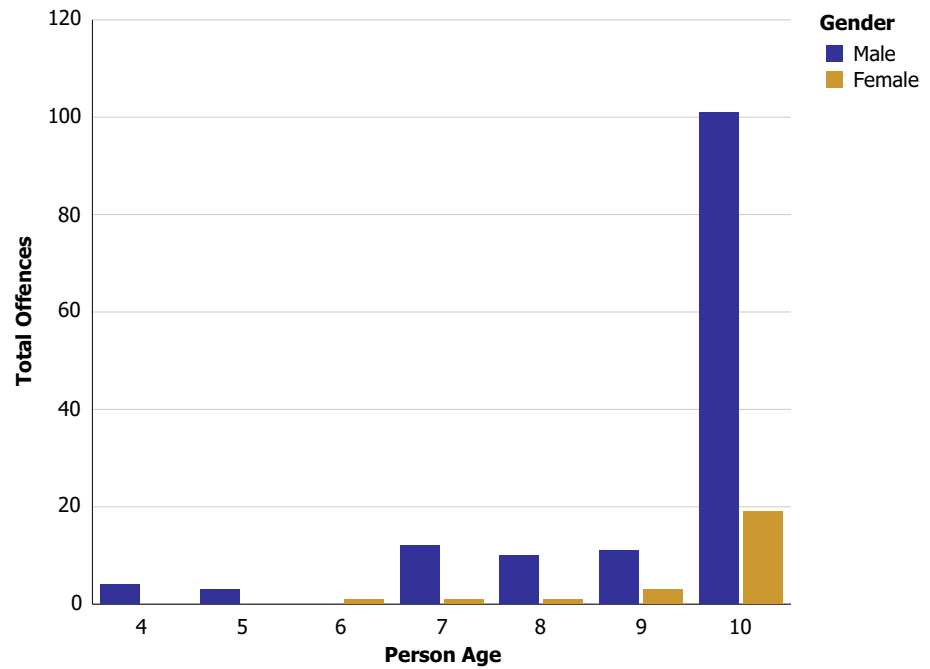
If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate 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 @ www.psni.police.uk

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

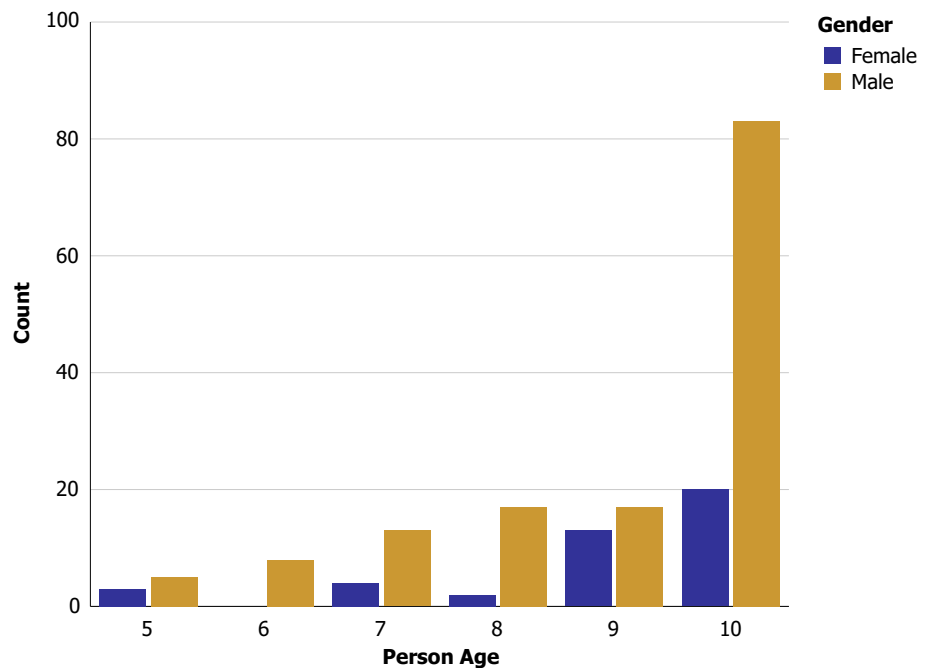
Crime Involving Children from 10 and Under :- From 1st April 2009 to 31 March 2010

		Female	Male
4	Common Assault	0	1
	Criminal Damage	0	3
	Total	0	4
5	Criminal Damage	0	2
	Theft	0	1
	Total	0	3
6	Motoring	1	0
	Total	1	0
7	Common Assault	1	1
	AOABH	0	1
	Arson	0	2
	Criminal Damage	0	5
	Motoring	0	1
	Offensive Weapon	0	2
	Total	1	12
8	Theft	1	2
	Common Assault	0	3
	Criminal Damage	0	4
	Firework Related Offences	0	1
	Total	1	10
9	Criminal Damage	2	5
	Theft	1	0
	Common Assault	0	3
	Firework Related Offences	0	2
	Offensive Weapon	0	1
	Total	3	11
10	Aggravated Assault	1	4
	AOABH	2	4
	Common Assault	5	30
	Criminal Damage	5	26
	Theft	6	17
	Burglary	0	3
	Cruelty	0	1
	Disorderly Behaviour	0	3
	Firework Related Offences	0	1
	Hoax Calls	0	1
	Motoring	0	5
	Offensive Weapon	0	2
	Public Order Related	0	3
	TADA	0	1
	Total	19	101
Overall		25	141



Crime Involving Children from 10 and Under :- From 1st April 2008 to 31 March 2009

	Female	Male
5 Common Assault	1	0
Criminal Damage	1	2
Hoax Calls	1	2
Theft	0	1
Total	3	5
6 Criminal Damage	0	4
Hoax Calls	0	1
Theft	0	3
Total	0	8
7 Hoax Calls	2	0
Theft	2	5
Common Assault	0	2
Criminal Damage	0	5
Motoring	0	1
Total	4	13
8 Common Assault	2	2
Criminal Damage	0	7
Disorderly Behaviour	0	1
Firework Related Offences	0	1
GBH	0	1
Public Order Related	0	1
Theft	0	4
Total	2	17
9 Alcohol Related	1	0
Common Assault	5	4
Criminal Damage	4	5
Theft	3	3
Disorderly Behaviour	0	1
Firework Related Offences	0	1
Hoax Calls	0	1
Motoring	0	1
Public Order Related	0	1
Total	13	17
10 AOABH	1	5
Burglary	2	7
Common Assault	4	22
Criminal Damage	3	26
Theft	10	13
Arson	0	2
Motoring	0	4
Offensive Weapon	0	3
Public Order Related	0	1
Total	20	83
Overall	42	143



Crime Involving Children from 10 and Under :- From 1st April 2007 to 31 March 2008

		Female	Male
3	Criminal Damage	0	1
	Total	0	1
4	Motoring	2	0
	Criminal Damage	0	3
	Total	2	3
5	Criminal Damage	0	7
	Total	0	7
6	Common Assault	1	1
	Criminal Damage	0	2
	Total	1	3
7	Common Assault	1	2
	Criminal Damage	0	8
	Hoax Calls	0	1
	Theft	0	3
	Total	1	14
8	Theft	2	9
	Arson	0	3
	Common Assault	0	4
	Criminal Damage	0	7
	Total	2	23
9	Burglary	1	1
	Theft	3	11
	Common Assault	0	11
	Criminal Damage	0	4
	Offensive Weapon	0	1
	Public Order Related	0	4
	Total	4	32
10	Common Assault	1	16
	Criminal Damage	3	38
	Motoring	1	3
	Theft	2	18
	AOABH	0	5
	Arson	0	4
	Assault on Police	0	1
	Burglary	0	6
	Offensive Weapon	0	2
	Total	7	93
Overall		17	176

