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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00146

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Cautions in Relation to Children Under 16 yrs old

### 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 I would appreciate it if you could supply details regarding the following:

Please give a breakdown of how many 16-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 2

Please give a breakdown of how many 16-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 3

Please give a breakdown of how many 15-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 4

Please give a breakdown of how many 15-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 5

Please give a breakdown of how many 14-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 6

Please give a breakdown of how many 14-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

#### Question 7

Please give a breakdown of how many 13-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the

reprimand was for?

**Question 8**

Please give a breakdown of how many 13-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 9**

Please give a breakdown of how many 12-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 10**

Please give a breakdown of how many 12-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 11**

Please give a breakdown of how many 11-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 12**

Please give a breakdown of how many 11-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 13**

Please give a breakdown of how many 10-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 14**

Please give a breakdown of how many 10-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Answer**

Please see the tables below, detailing cautions for 10 – 16 yr olds for the period 07/08 and 08/09.

**Question 15**

Please give a breakdown of how many 9-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 16**

Please give a breakdown of how many 9-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 17**

Please give a breakdown of how many 8-year-olds were reprimanded in 2008/2009? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Question 18**

Please give a breakdown of how many 8-year-olds were reprimanded in 2007/2008? Also what the reprimand was for?

**Answer**

In relation to Questions 15 – 18, the PSNI do not have figures for 8 and 9 year olds' receiving cautions, as they are under the age of criminal responsibility and as such cannot receive a disposal or conviction.

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](mailto: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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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

## RESTORATIVE CAUTIONS 2007/2008

Restorative Cautions	10 Years	11 years	12 years	13 Years	14 years	15 Years	16 years	TOTAL
Alcohol Related	0	0	0	2	5	13	16	36
AOABH	1	1	1	3	5	8	8	27
Arson	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4
Assault on Police	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	9
Breach of ASBO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	1	2	9	9	10	12	45
Common Assault	0	1	5	12	21	20	22	81
Criminal Damage	2	1	8	18	23	27	32	111
Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Behaviour	0	1	2	2	13	17	28	63
Fireworks Related	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Drugs	0	1	1	2	4	11	17	36
GBH	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	4
Hoax Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motoring	1	0	4	6	13	31	44	99
Obstruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Offensive Weapon	0	0	3	4	4	7	3	21
Public Order Related	0	2	4	6	4	4	4	24
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Sexual Offences	0	0	1	1	6	1	8	17
TADA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	3	9	24	27	28	22	113
Threats To Kill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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AOABH	1	4	4	11	12	8	11	51
Arson	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	7
Assault on Police	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	10
Breach of ASBO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	4	2	3	4	7	6	6	32
Common Assault	0	1	9	14	23	32	15	94
Criminal Damage	2	1	7	18	28	30	34	120
Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Behaviour	0	1	1	5	10	17	27	61
Fireworks Related	0	1	0	4	2	3	3	13
Drugs	0	0	0	3	4	18	25	50
GBH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hoax Calls	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Motoring	2	2	3	9	19	43	55	133
Obstruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Offensive Weapon	0	0	0	3	4	2	2	11
Public Order Related	0	0	0	3	7	14	10	34
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sexual Offences	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	8
TADA	0	0	0	1	1	4	5	11
Theft	2	7	12	21	64	62	49	217
Threats To Kill	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3