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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02089  
**Keyword:** Crime  
**Subject:** Details of Offences 2009/2010

### 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

Domestic Violence - Details of offences recorded by type of offence for the reporting period 2009/2010.

#### Question 2

Sexual Violence - In relation to the 1944 recorded sexual offences for the reporting period 2009/2010), how many victims were male, how many female and how many recorded gender unknown? I would also be interested in finding out the percentage of sexual offences recorded against young people under the age of 18 and the split of victims, male and female.

#### Answer

Please see the tables attached below which have been provided by our Central Statistics Unit. Please note; the PSNI's statistics on crimes with a domestic abuse motivation are derived from a motivation 'tick box' contained in the Occurrence Management Form which has to be completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported crime. The correct application of a domestic abuse motivation is not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Unit. Details on recorded sexual offences are taken from a live crime recording system and age/gender information may be subject to change.

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.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

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

**Offences with a Domestic Abuse Motivation<sup>1</sup> by Type of Offence  
Northern Ireland, 2009/10**

Type of offence <sup>2</sup>	Number of offences recorded 2009/10
Murder, manslaughter, attempted murder <sup>3</sup>	33
Threat or conspiracy to murder	809
Wounding/GBH (including with intent)	270
AOABH/Common assault	4,983
Intimidation/harassment	536
Rape (including attempts)	101
All sexual assaults/sexual activity	151
Other violent crime	64
All criminal damage	1,334
Breach of orders	1,067
All other notifiable offences	555
<b>Total offences recorded</b>	<b>9,903</b>

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit

<sup>1</sup> Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) by one family member against another or adults who are or have been intimate partners, regardless of gender, and whether a crime has occurred or not, will be recorded as domestic abuse.

<sup>2</sup> The domestic abuse offence figures provided above do not include assault on police.

<sup>3</sup> There were 7 murders recorded during 2009/10 which had a domestic motivation.

**Data Quality:** The PSNI's statistics on crimes with a domestic abuse motivation are derived from a motivation 'tick box' contained in the Occurrence Management Form which has to be completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported crime. The correct application of a domestic abuse motivation is not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Unit.

## Recorded Sexual Offences by age and gender of victim in 2009/10

### Northern Ireland

	All Ages	Under 18 years
Male	263	182
Female	1672	824
Unknown	9	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>1006</b>

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

**Please Note:**

This information is taken from a live crime recording system and age/gender information may be subject to change.