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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F- 2010-02024

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Domestic Violence

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

Please can you tell me how many reports of domestic violence you received between the dates of 11 June 2010 and 11 July 2010.

I would also like to know how many reports of domestic violence you received between the dates of 9 June 2006 and 9 July 2010.

Please can you provide the figures per day rather than as a lump amount for the entire month.

I would also like to know how many reports you received for the month preceding these, e.g. 11 May until 11 June 2010 and 9 May until 9 June 2006. The figures for these dates can be counted as the month's total rather than as a day by day breakdown.

Answer

Please see tables below.

Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse (psychological, physical, verbal, 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.

Data Quality: The PSNI's statistics on incidents and 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 incident/crime. The correct application of a domestic abuse motivation for all such incidents/crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Branch, but quarterly audits are conducted to ensure that any under or over-recording is corrected.

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.psnj.police.uk

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

Number of domestic abuse incidents recorded
11 Jun to 11 Jul 2010 and 11 May to 10 Jun 2010

Time period	Total number of domestic abuse incidents recorded¹
11 Jun 2010	51
12 Jun 2010	75
13 Jun 2010	66
14 Jun 2010	48
15 Jun 2010	53
16 Jun 2010	53
17 Jun 2010	54
18 Jun 2010	69
19 Jun 2010	90
20 Jun 2010	70
21 Jun 2010	69
22 Jun 2010	45
23 Jun 2010	61
24 Jun 2010	50
25 Jun 2010	64
26 Jun 2010	75
27 Jun 2010	75
28 Jun 2010	74
29 Jun 2010	65
30 Jun 2010	55
01 Jul 2010	47
02 Jul 2010	55
03 Jul 2010	63
04 Jul 2010	77
05 Jul 2010	48
06 Jul 2010	48
07 Jul 2010	43
08 Jul 2010	47
09 Jul 2010	54
10 Jul 2010	71
11 Jul 2010	59
Total (11 Jun to 11 Jul 2010)	1,874
Total (11 May to 10 Jun 2010)	1,887

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit

Note: Data for the current financial year is highly provisional and will be subject to change as it is taken from a live crime recording system.

**Number of domestic abuse incidents recorded
9 Jun to 9 Jul 2006 and 9 May to 8 Jun 2006**

Time period	Total number of domestic abuse incidents recorded¹
09 Jun 2006	52
10 Jun 2006	91
11 Jun 2006	104
12 Jun 2006	71
13 Jun 2006	45
14 Jun 2006	57
15 Jun 2006	73
16 Jun 2006	54
17 Jun 2006	88
18 Jun 2006	100
19 Jun 2006	71
20 Jun 2006	55
21 Jun 2006	41
22 Jun 2006	40
23 Jun 2006	62
24 Jun 2006	90
25 Jun 2006	88
26 Jun 2006	75
27 Jun 2006	63
28 Jun 2006	69
29 Jun 2006	70
30 Jun 2006	55
01 Jul 2006	109
02 Jul 2006	107
03 Jul 2006	69
04 Jul 2006	73
05 Jul 2006	67
06 Jul 2006	64
07 Jul 2006	63
08 Jul 2006	79
09 Jul 2006	92
Total (9 Jun to 9 Jul 2006)	2,237
Total (9 May to 8 Jun 2006)	2,202

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit

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