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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-01321

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Hate Crime Recorded as Anti-English

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the numbers of “hate” crimes in each of the past five years which have been recorded as “anti-English”?

Could you also provide a breakdown of the offences (eg criminal damage, assault, incitement to hatred etc).

#### Answer

The PSNI are unable to provide the requested information as there is no hate crime category for 'Anti-English'. We could provide information on crime with a racist motivation where the victim nationality is English but it would be incorrect to assume that this was an Anti-English hate crime. For example, a victim (whose nationality is recorded as English) could have reported a racially motivated crime which they perceive is because of their skin colour. In this instance it is only appropriate to say that a racially motivated hate crime has occurred, and it would be inappropriate to make any other assumptions based on the victim's nationality. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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