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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-03633

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Knife Crime

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

How many people were convicted of offences involving a knife in 2010? Please give corresponding figures for 2009.

Answer

There were 80 convictions for offences involving a knife which were committed between November 30, 2009 and December 31, 2010. As advised in my email to you on January 5, 2011 these offences include unlawful manufacture of a knife, unlawful sale of knife, possession of a blade or point in a public place and possession of a blade or point in school premises.

There were 41 convictions for these offences committed between January 1st, 2009 and 30th November, 2009

The requested information is held in this way due to a change in the PSNI crime recording system in November 2009. Figures for January to January in the requested years cannot be provided.

Question 2

How many people were murdered by knife use in 2010? Please give corresponding figure for 2009.

Answer

Please see the table below.

**Number of murders where a knife was involved
2009 and 2010**

	1 Jan 2009 to 31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2010 to 31 Dec 2010
Total number of murders where a knife was involved	6	5

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