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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00224

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Sexual Violence Perpetrators

### 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

I am looking for information on the number of sexual violence perpetrators under the age of 18 covering the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009. If possible, can this information also be broken down by gender (if relevant).

The sexual offences I am enquiring about are the same as those set out in the PSNI Annual Statistical Report (Report No. 1 -Recorded Crime and Clearances 1st April 2008 to 31 March 2009). Re 'sexual violence perpetrator' I would appreciate if statistics could be provided for both those 'arrested' and also those individuals 'charged/reported' if they are available.

### Answer

47 persons under the age of eighteen were arrested for sexual violence between 1/4/2008 and 31/3/2009. 47 persons under the age of eighteen were charged/reported for sexual violence between 1/4/2008 and 31/3/2009. All 47 persons were male.

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.

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