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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02725

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Incidents Reported to PSNI by Tesco Newtownabbey

### 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

Please give me the total number of incidents reported by Tesco Superstore, Newtownabbey and Tesco Petrol filling Station as individual bodies and also combined. Dates from 1 January 2010 - 31 August 2010 (inclusive)

#### Answer

11 incidents were reported by Tesco Supermarket, Newtownabbey and 10 incidents were reported by Tesco Petrol Station, Newtownabbey between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

#### Question 2

Please give me the full details of those that resulted in criminal convictions, cautions etc. A full breakdown is required.

#### Answer

To date 8 people have been cautioned as per Public Prosecution Service Directions. All incidents related to theft. A further 5 incidents have resulted in individuals being charged or reported to the Public Prosecution Service. Other enquiries are still ongoing.

#### Question 3

Please also provide the number of total incident numbers where no further action was taken by Police or when Tesco decided not to pursue the matter

#### Answer

Of the incidents reported, 4 were resolved before police arrived and 2 required no police action.

#### Question 4

Please provide all written documents were the PSNI have corresponded with Tesco Superstore in Newtownabbey and Tesco Filling Station advising them in writing to report all incidents to them.

**Answer**

PSNI do not hold any documents where the PSNI have corresponded with Tesco Superstore in Newtownabbey and Tesco Filling Station advising them in writing to report all incidents to them. The reporting of crime is entirely up to the victim. Once it is reported the police will progress an investigation. The reporting person does not stipulate whether they wish the matter to be investigated – if it is reported it is investigated.

**Question 5**

Please provide the names of all PSNI officers and ranks and also councillors, council staff, community group leaders and names of their community groups who sit on Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership.

**Answer**

Sergeant Paul Steenson is the single point of contact for Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership. There is also an open invitation for any Neighbourhood Policing Team Officer to attend at any time.

PSNI do not hold the names of councillors, council staff, community group leaders and names of their community groups who sit on Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership (NCSP) however further information may be obtained from the NCSP website. Please use the link below to access this site or see the print out provided;

<http://www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/ncsp/default.asp>

**Question 6**

Please provide all written policy documents and guidelines given to businesses regarding reporting crime. Please provide names of councillors etc including PSNI officers who make up the District Policing Board.

**Answer**

There are no policy documents given to businesses with regards to reporting crime. General information in relation to crime recording is available on the PSNI website. This can be accessed using the link below or see the print out attached;

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/support/support how to report crime.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/support/support%20how%20to%20report%20crime.htm)

There may at times be liaison between businesses and the Crime Prevention Officer but this is at the request of the business and not part of police procedure.

No police officer is a member of the District Policing Partnership (DPP). The local Area Commander attends DPP meetings and responds to questions by the DPP about policing in the area.

PSNI do not hold the names of councillors who sit on the Newtownabbey District Policing Partnership (DPP). However this information may be accessed on the following website;

<http://www.districtpolicing.com/newtownabbey/newtownabbey-dpp-members/newtownabbey-local-members.htm>

I have printed this web page and attached it for your convenience.

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

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