



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-01563

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Child Abductions

### 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 child abductions were there in your force area in 2010?

#### Answer

There were 13 recorded substantive offences of Child Abduction in 2010.

#### Question 2

How many of those abductions were successful stranger abductions (ie not familial)?

#### Answer

Child Abduction Offences are recorded as "Child Abduction by Parent" or "Child Abduction by Other Person". In 2010 there were 10 "Child Abductions by Other Persons".

#### Question 3

How many were resolved within 24 hours?

#### Answer

7 of the 13 Child Abductions were resolved within 24 hours.

#### Question 4

How many were resolved after that time period?

#### Answer

The remaining 6 were resolved after that time period.

#### Question 5

How many were unresolved or outstanding?

## **Answer**

None are unresolved or outstanding.

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).

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