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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00516  
**Keyword:** Crime  
**Subject:** Domestic Violence Incidents

### 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 undertaking research for a piece of art relating to domestic violence and I need to gather geographical statistics for all reported cases of domestic violence from Jan - Dec in the last complete year of statistics that you have.

I would be very grateful if you could provide me with the figures for each area that your force covers.

In particular I would like the following information:

- Domestic violence homicide figures
- Reported domestic violence figures
- Convicted domestic violence figures

Any additional information that you can provide will be helpful.

### Answer

Please see the tables below:

**Table 1** – Details recorded crimes with a domestic motivation and domestic violence homicide figures for January – December 2010.

Please note: figures from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 are provisional and will be subject to change.

Domestic abuse motivation definition is any incident of threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse (psychological, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional) by one family member against another or adults who are or have been intimate partners, regardless of gender, and whether a crime has occurred or not, will be recorded as domestic abuse.

Recorded crimes (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) are those which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. A crime will be recorded as domestic abuse where it meets the definition provided above. Not all domestic abuse incidents will result in the recording of a crime. Domestic abuse crimes are classified according to the Home Office Counting Rules and form a subset of the overall recorded crime figures.

**Table 1**

	<b>Recorded Crimes with a domestic motivation January to December 2010</b>	<b>Homicides with a domestic motivation January to December 2010</b>
A District	1119	0
B District	820	1
C District	1178	0
D District	1611	2
E District	1495	2
F District	865	1
G District	1577	0
H District	947	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9612</b>	<b>6</b>

The PSNI's statistics on incidents and crimes with a domestic abuse motivation are derived from a motivation 'tick box' contained in the Occurrence Management Form which has to be completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported incident/crime. The correct application of a domestic abuse motivation for all such incidents/crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Branch, but quarterly audits are conducted to ensure that any under or over-recording is corrected.

**Table 2 – Details convicted domestic violence figures for January – December 2010.**

**Table 2**

<b>District</b>	<b>Count</b>
A	102
B	59
C	69
D	140
E	137
F	95
G	198
H	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

A map detailing a geographic breakdown of the areas each district comprises can be accessed via the PSNI website using the link below:

<http://www.psni.police.uk/>

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.