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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00073

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Domestic Violence

### 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

Please can you tell me how many reports of domestic violence you received between these dates:

10 June - 10 July 2005

12 June - 12 July 2009

Please can you provide the figures per day rather than as a lump amount for the entire month.

### Answer

Please see the table at the end of this correspondence, detailing the number of domestic abuse motivated incidents reported to police from 10 June 2005 – 10 July 2005 and 12 June 2009 – 12 July 2009.

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.

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.

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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

**Number of domestic abuse motivated incidents<sup>1</sup> reported to police  
10 June to 10 July 2005 and 12 June to 12 July 2009**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of domestic abuse motivated incidents</b>
10 Jun 2005	55
11 Jun 2005	71
12 Jun 2005	86
13 Jun 2005	47
14 Jun 2005	46
15 Jun 2005	53
16 Jun 2005	65
17 Jun 2005	54
18 Jun 2005	94
19 Jun 2005	95
20 Jun 2005	55
21 Jun 2005	64
22 Jun 2005	60
23 Jun 2005	52
24 Jun 2005	61
25 Jun 2005	85
26 Jun 2005	81
27 Jun 2005	67
28 Jun 2005	43
29 Jun 2005	62
30 Jun 2005	34
01 Jul 2005	51
02 Jul 2005	71
03 Jul 2005	73
04 Jul 2005	50
05 Jul 2005	54
06 Jul 2005	57
07 Jul 2005	53
08 Jul 2005	75
09 Jul 2005	93
10 Jul 2005	89
12 Jun 2009	62
13 Jun 2009	75
14 Jun 2009	96
15 Jun 2009	80
16 Jun 2009	60
17 Jun 2009	33
18 Jun 2009	55
19 Jun 2009	65
20 Jun 2009	63

Date	Number of domestic abuse motivated incidents
21 Jun 2009	87
22 Jun 2009	97
23 Jun 2009	65
24 Jun 2009	70
25 Jun 2009	63
26 Jun 2009	63
27 Jun 2009	99
28 Jun 2009	107
29 Jun 2009	50
30 Jun 2009	54
01 Jul 2009	71
02 Jul 2009	69
03 Jul 2009	75
04 Jul 2009	74
05 Jul 2009	76
06 Jul 2009	67
07 Jul 2009	40
08 Jul 2009	52
09 Jul 2009	61
10 Jul 2009	70
11 Jul 2009	96
12 Jul 2009	103

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit

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