



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02864

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Drink Driving and Domestic Abuse Offences

### 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

I note from this communication the numbers of arrests in 2010 involving burglary, domestic abuse, antisocial behaviour and drink driving, domestic abuse is second only to drink driving by 252 arrests.

Can you clarify the disposals for both these crimes. How does sanctions/sentences imposed for these two crimes compare.

How many arrests for drink driving went to court.

#### Answer

In 2010, there were 2942 persons who were charged to court or reported to Public Prosecution Service (PPS) for drink driving offences.

Please note: The accuracy of these figures cannot be guaranteed due to manual input of data to the recording system.

#### Question 2

How many arrests for domestic abuse went to court.

#### Answer

There is no offence code on PSNI recording systems identified as Domestic Abuse therefore Assault with Domestic Motivation has been used for the purpose of this request.

In 2010, there were 2855 persons who were charged to court or reported to Public Prosecution Service (PPS) for assault with domestic motivation offences.

Please note: The accuracy of these figures cannot be guaranteed due to manual input of data to the recording system.

**Question 3**

What were the outcomes for drink driving offences.

**Question 4**

What were the outcomes for domestic abuse offences.

**Question 5**

Were there any custodial sentences imposed in either category.

**Answer**

PSNI do not hold information in relation to outcomes/convictions for offences. The N. I. Court Service may be able to assist with this information and their website can be accessed via the link provided below:

<http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Pages/default.aspx>

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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