



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02148

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drugs seizures and Drugs arrests

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to questions 7 and 8 in full; and
- fully exempt information in response to questions 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Act.

Question 1

How many drugs seizures were there in Northern Ireland last year (April 2010 to March 2011)?

Question 2

Please provide detail on what types of drugs were seized, quantity and cash value.

Question 3

How many drug seizures were there in Northern Ireland between (April 2009 and March 2010)?

Question 4

Please provide detail on what type of drugs were seized, quantity and cash value.

Question 5

How many drug-related arrests were made in Northern Ireland last year (April 2010 to March 2011)?

Question 6

How many drug-related arrests were made in Northern Ireland between April 2009 and March 2010

Answer

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you have requested and were previously advised by our office on July 5, 2011 is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's website and can be accessed using the following links:

http://www.psni.police.uk/drugs_new_format_201011.pdf

http://www.psni.police.uk/drug_statistics_by_area_apr-feb_2011.pdf

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_drug_statistics.htm

Question 7

Please provide detail of where each of the seizures was made - cities, towns and villages (April 2010 to March 2011)?

Question 8

Please provide detail of where each of the seizures was made - cities, towns and villages (April 2009 and March 2010)?

Answer

Please see the information requested which is provided in the tables at the end of this correspondence.

The city, town or village used in this response is derived from the location recorded on the drug seizure form which may not be sufficiently completed to identify the correct location of the seizure.

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.

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

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

Drug seizures by cities, towns and villages

1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011

Belfast	1052	Donaghadee	9	Broughshane	2	Conlig	1
Londonderry	173	Mallusk	9	Camlough	2	Derrygonnelly	1
Newry	129	Ballykelly	8	Castledawson	2	Donaghcloney	1
Coleraine	119	Hollywood	8	Castlereagh	2	Donemana	1
Bangor	117	Ballynahinch	7	Cloughmills	2	Dromara	1
Lurgan	108	Bessbrook	7	Cullybackey	2	Drumaness	1
Limavady	107	Castleerg	7	Cushendall	2	Dungiven	1
Lisburn	100	Dromore, Co. Down	7	Doagh	2	Eglinton	1
Ballymena	99	Irvinestown	7	Draperstown	2	Eglish	1
Cookstown	92	Templepatrick	7	Drumquin	2	Glynn	1
Omagh	87	Glengormley	6	Garvagh	2	Greenisland	1
Portrush	83	Lisnaskea	6	Gilford	2	Greyabbey	1
Newtownabbey	81	Maghera	6	Glenarm	2	Greysteel	1
Antrim	75	Crossgar	5	Kells	2	Greystone	1
Downpatrick	71	Fintona	5	Lawrencetown	2	Helens Bay	1
Dungannon	71	Fivemiletown	5	Lisbellaw	2	Hilltown	1
Portadown	67	Saintfield	5	Mayobridge	2	Jonesborough	1
Craigavon	62	Ahoghill	4	Moneymore	2	Jordanstown	1
Banbridge	60	Ardglass	4	Newtownstewart	2	Kilcoo	1
Dunmurry	54	Hillsborough	4	Portballintrae	2	Killinchy	1
Newtownards	51	Keady	4	Rosslea	2	Killyleagh	1
Enniskillen	47	Kesh	4	Sprucefield	2	Kilrea	1
Armagh	40	Moira	4	Tandragee	2	Kinawley	1
Carrickfergus	32	Stewartstown	4	Annalong	1	Letterbreen	1
Newcastle	30	Artigarvin	3	Ballinamallard	1	Loughbrickland	1
Coalisland	26	Bushmills	3	Ballinderry	1	Maguiresbridge	1
Magherafelt	23	Claudy	3	Ballygawley	1	Millisle	1
Larne	22	Clough, Down	3	Ballyhornan	1	Mountnorris	1
Portstewart	22	Crossmaglen	3	Ballynure	1	Newmills	1
Ballycastle	17	Dundrum	3	Ballywalter	1	Newtownbutler	1
Ballymoney	17	Forkhill	3	Bellanaleck	1	Portaferry	1
Kilkeel	17	Magilligan	3	Benburb	1	Rasharkin	1
Maghaberry	14	Markethill	3	Brookborough	1	Seaforde	1
Ballyclare	13	Moneyreagh	3	Burnfoot	1	Sion Mills	1
Crumlin	13	Portglenone	3	Camlough	1	Slaughtmanus	1
Dundonald	12	Poyntzpass	3	Carrickmore	1	Toome	1
Warrenpoint	12	Randalstown	3	Carrowdore	1	Toomebridge	1
Ballygowan	11	Rostrevor	3	Castlerock	1	Trory	1
Comber	11	Augher	2	Charlemont	1	Waringstown	1
Strabane	11	Aughnacloy	2	Clogher	1	Waterfoot	1
Carryduff	9	Ballykinler	2	Clough,Co. Antrim	1	Whitecross	1
Castlewellan	9	Ballyronan	2	Coagh	1	TOTAL	3564

Drug Seizures by cities, towns and villages

1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010

Belfast	1022	Carryduff	8	Coagh	2	Derrylin	1
Ballymena	148	Coalisland	8	Doagh	2	Donaghmore	1
Londonderry	147	Comber	7	Dollingstown	2	Donemana	1
Antrim	107	Holywood	7	Dromore, Co. Down	2	Draperstown	1
Portrush	101	Moneymore	7	Drumaness	2	Ederney	1
Omagh	92	Randalstown	7	Dundrum	2	Fivemiletown	1
Lisburn	90	Ballyclare	6	Greenisland	2	Forkhill	1
Limavady	87	Ballykelly	6	Greysteel	2	Galgorm	1
Bangor	82	Castlewellan	6	Groomsport	2	Garrison	1
Cookstown	81	Crumlin	6	Helen's Bay	2	Garvagh	1
Newry	81	Dungiven	6	Hillsborough	2	Gilford	1
Lurgan	77	Fintona	6	Killinchy	2	Glenane	1
Coleraine	73	Maghera	6	Killyleagh	2	Glenavy	1
Portadown	67	Mallusk	6	Lisbellaw	2	Greencastle	1
Dungannon	66	Annalong	5	Lisnaskea	2	Greyabbey	1
Newtownabbey	62	Bushmills	5	Maguiresbridge	2	Hydebank	1
Craigavon	60	Saintfield	5	Moy	2	Jordanstown	1
Dunmurry	59	Tandragee	5	Newtownstewart	2	Killough	1
Downpatrick	56	Whitehead	5	Rasharkin	2	Kircubbin	1
Enniskillen	52	Crossgar	4	Rathcoole	2	Lack	1
Banbridge	48	Cullybackey	4	Swatragh	2	Loughgall	1
Armagh	47	Donaghadee	4	Waringstown	2	Magheralin	1
Larne	31	Irvinestown	4	Ardboe	1	Markethill	1
Newtownards	31	Moira	4	Artigarvin	1	Mayobridge	1
Portstewart	25	Newmills	4	Aughnacloy	1	Milford	1
Newcastle	24	Ahoghill	3	Ballinderry	1	Moneyreagh	1
Warrenpoint	24	Ardglass	3	Ballycraigy	1	Monkstown	1
Magherafelt	22	Belleek	3	Ballygawley	1	Portaferry	1
Maghaberry	20	Broughshane	3	Ballynure	1	Portavogie	1
Carrickfergus	19	Conlig	3	Balnamore	1	Rathbeg	1
Ballycastle	18	Kells	3	Bellaghy	1	Sandholes	1
Strabane	16	Kilrea	3	Benburb	1	Seaforde	1
Bessbrook	15	Magilligan	3	Braniel	1	Sion Mills	1
Glengormley	14	Stewartstown	3	Brookeborough	1	Strangford	1
Castlereagh	11	Templepatrick	3	Castlerock	1	Tobermore	1
Kilkeel	11	Ballinamallard	2	Clogher	1	Toome	1
Ballygowan	10	Ballyhalbert	2	Clough, Co. Down	1	Toomebridge	1
Ballynahinch	10	Ballykinler	2	Crawfordsburn	1	Upperlands	1
Dundonald	10	Cargan	2	Cushendall	1	Waterfoot	1
Ballymoney	9	Castledawson	2	Derrygonnelly	1	TOTAL	3319
Lawrencetown	9	Castleberg	2	Derrykeighan	1		

Source: Central Statistics Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh