



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02599

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cases Where PSNI Involve Public Protection Unit

Request and Answer:

Question

How many cases of 'alleged instances of abuse of a vulnerable adult' has there been when the PSNI take the lead involving the Public Protection Unit and how many have led to criminal convictions?

I would like to refine my previous request F-2011-2101 to request the above information for 6 out of the 8 Districts for a six month period, December 2010 - May 2011.

Answer

You were advised on the 24th August 2011 that PSNI could supply the information in relation to 5 Districts within cost.

The 5 Districts that were able to provide the information within cost had a total of 21 cases reported of alleged abuse of vulnerable adults in care homes involving the PPU from December 2010 – May 2011. There are currently 3 of these cases with ongoing legal proceedings.

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