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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00566
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Rape Incidents - 2010

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

Within the Home Office Counting rules there are guidelines on when a recorded crime can be resolved as a 'no crime'

In the case of rape they are:

1. The crime was committed outside the jurisdiction of the police force in which it was recorded.
2. Where following the report of an incident which has subsequently been recorded as a crime, additional verifiable information is available which determines that no notifiable crime has been committed.
3. If the crime, as alleged, constitutes part of a crime already recorded.
4. If the reported incident was recorded as a crime in error.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act please provide me with the following statistics for your force area for the calendar year of 2010.

How many rapes were recorded.

Answer

For the 2010 calendar year there were 503 rape offences recorded.

Question 2

Of that number, how many were 'no crimed'

Answer

In the same period there were a further 16 offences of rape initially recorded and subsequently 'no crimed'. The 'no crimed' figure is not included in the recorded figure.

These figures are provisional and will be subject to change.

Question 3

If possible within cost, break the total for question 2 down into the four categories as outlined above.

Answer

All 16 offences were 'no crimed' under category 2 – 'Where following the report of an incident which has subsequently been recorded as a crime, additional verifiable information is available which determines that no notifiable crime has been committed'.

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.

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