



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03414

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sexual Assaults against under 16 year olds

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

PSNI Statistical Report 'Trends in Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland 1998/99 to 2010/2011' - published 30/06/11. I refer to the above report which includes statistical information on sexual offences.

I am looking to ascertain the number of sexual offences against young people (under the age of 16) for the 2010/2011 reporting period, broken down as follows:

Question

Sexual assault on male child aged between 13 and under 16.

Question

Sexual assault on female child aged between 13 and under 16.

Question

The number of offences of rape committed against a female under the age of 16.

Question

The number of offences of rape committed against a male under the age of 16.

Question

The number of offences of attempted rape committed against a female under the age of 16.

Question

The number of offences of attempted rape committed against a male under the age of 16.

Answer

Please find the responses to the above questions which are provided in the table below:

**Sexual offences where the victim is aged under 16 years
Northern Ireland**

	2010/11
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 to 15 years	28
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 to 15 years	108
Rape of a female (under 16)	166
Rape of a male (under 16)	32
Attempted rape of a female (under 16)	10
Attempted rape of a male (under 16)	3

Source: Statistics Branch, PSNI

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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