



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01304

Keyword: Crime

Subject: University Students who are Victims of Domestic Burglary/Robbery

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 am writing today to request data relating to university students who have been victims of Domestic Burglary or Robbery of Personal Property in your force area.

I am producing a piece of work that looks at the victimisation rates of students in localities where a Russell Group university is present, the Queen's University Belfast is within your force area.

I would like to request data with the following criteria:

1. Data for Police reporting years 2008/09; 2009/10 & 2010/11.
2. Data just for the Division/BCU the university is located with in.

Question 2

I would like to request the following offence figures:

1. Number of Burglary Dwelling or Robbery of Personal Property offences within the BCU from point 2 above (number for each of the 2 offences for each year requested).
2. Number of Burglary Dwelling or Robbery of Personal Property offences where the victim is aged 18-23 and is of Unknown or Student occupation (or your force equivalent victim occupation coding for a student of university age) within the BCU from point 2 above (number for each of the 2 offences for each year requested).

Answer

Please see the table at the end of this correspondence detailing recorded domestic burglary and personal robbery offences in South Belfast for 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

Please Note: Victim occupation information is based on data taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

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.

Recorded domestic burglary and personal robbery offences

South Belfast

		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
All ages	Domestic Burglary	991	782	869
	Personal Robbery	154	183	203
Total victims aged 18-23 years	Domestic Burglary	424	263	311
	Personal Robbery	50	66	59
Victim aged 18-23 years and occupation student	Domestic Burglary	236	117	132
	Personal Robbery	24	20	24
Victim aged 18-23 years and occupation missing/unknown	Domestic Burglary	35	82	113
	Personal Robbery	6	22	26

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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