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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00968

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Violence Occurring At Schools

Request and Answer:

Question

The number of reports of violent incidents occurring at schools in your force area where police officers were dispatched, for the following years: 2007-2008; 2008-09; 2009-10.

It would be useful if this data could be separated into separate results for each school location, and for each year, if this was possible.

Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 (18hours).

The PSNI Central Statistics Branch are unable to provide information with regard to incidents where **police officers were dispatched** so I contacted the Information and Communications Systems (ICS) Branch who interrogate the PSNI Crime recording systems. ICS have advised that they searched for **all** incidents, where the incident occurred at a school and where one or more police officers were dispatched and as each result would then have to be manually examined to calculate breakdown by school this would take well in excess of time permitted under legislation (18 hours).

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

Although excess cost removes the PSNI's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have provided below the information which was retrieved from Central Statistics regarding the number of violent crimes in schools that have been recorded by PSNI before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded by determining PSNI attendance at the scene. I trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please see the tables below provided by the PSNI's Central Statistic Unit which detail violent crime where location information indicates the offence to have taken place at a school. Violent crime includes offences against the person, sexual offences and robberies and please note while the offence may have taken place on school premises, it may have occurred outside school hours and may not necessarily have involved pupils or staff. These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.psnipolice.uk

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

Recorded violent crime¹ where location information indicates the offence to have taken place at a school²

Northern Ireland

Please note: These figures are provisional and may be subject to change

¹ Violent crime includes offences against the person, sexual offences and robberies

² While the offence may have taken place on school premises, it may have occurred outside school hours.

Policing Area	Name of School	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Antrim	Antrim Campus	0	2	0
Antrim	Antrim Grammar School	1	0	0
Antrim	Ballycraig Primary School	0	1	0
Antrim	Crumlin Integrated College	1	0	1
Antrim	Crumlin Primary School	1	0	0
Antrim	Greystone Primary School	1	0	0
Antrim	Parkhall College	1	4	1
Antrim	Rathenraw Primary School	1	0	1
Antrim	St Benedicts College	0	1	2
Antrim	St Benedicts High School	0	1	1
Antrim	St Josephs Primary School	1	0	0
Antrim	St Macnisius Primary School	1	0	0
Antrim	St Malachys High School	0	0	1
Antrim	Templepatrick Primary School	0	5	0
Antrim	Unknown	0	0	1
Ards	Abbey Primary School	0	0	1
Ards	Castle Gardens Primary School	1	0	0
Ards	Donaghadee High School	2	0	0
Ards	Donaghadee Primary School	1	0	0
Ards	Glastry College	1	1	0
Ards	Killard House Special School	0	1	0
Ards	Movilla High School	2	3	9
Ards	Nendrum College	1	0	1
Ards	Regent House Grammar School	5	1	0
Ards	St Columbas College	1	0	0

Ards	Strangford College	0	0	3
Ards	Sullivan Upper School	1	0	0
Ards	Unknown	2	1	0
Ards	West Winds Primary School	0	1	0
Armagh	Armagh College Of Further Education	0	1	0
Armagh	Lisanally Day Centre	0	0	1
Armagh	Markethill High School	2	0	0
Armagh	Markethill Primary School	0	0	1
Armagh	St Marys Primary School	0	0	1
Armagh	St Patricks High School	0	4	1
Armagh	St Patricks Primary School	1	0	0
Armagh	Tandragee Junior High School	0	1	0
Armagh	Unknown	0	0	1
Ballymena	Ballee Community High School	3	1	2
Ballymena	Braidside Integrated School	0	0	1
Ballymena	Castle Tower School Beechgrove Campus	0	0	1
Ballymena	Cullybackey High School	3	1	2
Ballymena	Dunclug College	0	1	3
Ballymena	Dunclug Primary School	2	0	0
Ballymena	Gate Lodge	1	0	0
Ballymena	St Louis Convent Primary School	0	2	0
Ballymena	St Louis Grammar School	0	1	0
Ballymena	St Marys Primary School	0	1	1
Ballymena	St Patricks College	0	2	0
Ballymena	St.Collumcille Pri	0	2	1
Ballymena	Unknown	0	1	0
Ballymoney	Ballymoney High School	0	3	1
Ballymoney	Coleraine Institute Of Further & Higher Education	1	0	0
Ballymoney	Our Lady Of Lourdes High Schoo	1	0	0
Ballymoney	Our Lady Of Lourdes High School	1	0	0
Banbridge	Banbridge Academy	0	0	1
Banbridge	Banbridge High School	0	1	3
Banbridge	Bridge Primary School	0	1	0
Banbridge	Craigavon Primary School	1	0	0
Banbridge	Dromore Central Primary School	0	0	1
Banbridge	Dromore High School	1	1	0

Banbridge	Edenderry Primary School	0	1	0
Banbridge	Newbridge	1	0	0
Banbridge	St Patricks College	0	0	1
Banbridge	Unknown	3	0	0
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus College	2	7	2
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus Grammar	1	0	1
Carrickfergus	Downshire School	0	0	1
Carrickfergus	Oakfield Primary School	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	Silverstream Primary School	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	Ulida College	0	0	4
Carrickfergus	Unknown	1	1	0
Castlereagh	Ballyoran Playfields	0	2	0
Castlereagh	Dundonald High School	0	4	1
Castlereagh	Gilnahirk Primary School	0	1	0
Castlereagh	Knockbreda High School	3	2	1
Castlereagh	Lagan College	3	1	2
Castlereagh	Lisnasharragh High School	1	0	0
Castlereagh	Minnowburn Residential Unit	0	0	1
Castlereagh	Newtownbreda High School	2	2	2
Castlereagh	Our Lady And St Patricks College	0	0	1
Castlereagh	Tullycarnet Primary School	0	1	0
Castlereagh	Unknown	0	0	1
Coleraine	Coleraine College	0	3	2
Coleraine	Dominican Convent	1	0	0
Coleraine	Garvagh High School	0	1	0
Coleraine	Macosquin Primary School	1	0	0
Coleraine	Millburn Cp School	1	0	2
Coleraine	National Trust Visitors Centre	1	0	0
Coleraine	North Coast Integrated College	1	0	0
Coleraine	Portrush Cp School	0	1	0
Coleraine	St Johns Primary School	0	0	2
Coleraine	St Josephs High School	1	2	2
Coleraine	Unknown	0	1	0
Cookstown	Cookstown High School	2	1	5
Cookstown	Cookstown Primary School	1	0	0
Cookstown	Holy Trinity College 9-29	1	0	1

Cookstown	Holy Trinity Primary School	0	2	0
Cookstown	Holy Trinity School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Ballyoran Primary School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Brownlow College	0	1	0
Craigavon	Brownlow Integrated College	0	0	2
Craigavon	Carrick Primary School	0	1	0
Craigavon	Clounagh Junior High School	3	1	1
Craigavon	Craigavon Senior High School	0	3	0
Craigavon	Dickson Primary School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Donaghcloney Primary School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Drumcree College	0	3	0
Craigavon	Drumcree High School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Hart Memorial Primary School	0	0	2
Craigavon	Killicomaine Junior High School	2	1	0
Craigavon	Kings Park Primary School	0	0	2
Craigavon	Lismore Comprehensive School	2	2	0
Craigavon	Lurgan Junior High School	4	2	2
Craigavon	Lurgan Junior School	0	1	3
Craigavon	Lurgan Model Primary School	0	0	2
Craigavon	Millington Primary School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Portadown College	0	0	1
Craigavon	Portadown Integrated Primary School	0	0	1
Craigavon	Southern Regional College	0	1	1
Craigavon	St Brendans Primary School	1	2	0
Craigavon	St John The Baptist Primary Sc	1	0	0
Craigavon	St John The Baptist Primary School	0	1	0
Craigavon	St Marys	1	2	0
Craigavon	St Pauls Junior High School	0	2	1
Craigavon	Unknown	1	1	0
Down	Academy Primary School	0	0	1
Down	Ballynahinch High School	0	0	2
Down	Blackwater Intergrated College	0	1	1
Down	Blackwater Intregated School	0	0	2
Down	Down Academy	0	1	0
Down	Saintfield High School	0	0	1
Down	Shimna College	1	0	2

Down	Shimna Integrated College	1	0	0
Down	Spa Primary School	0	0	1
Down	St Brigids Primary School	0	0	1
Down	St Colmcilles Primary School	0	1	0
Down	St Macartans Primary School	0	1	0
Down	St Malachys High School	0	2	1
Down	St Marys High School	0	0	1
Down	St Marys Primary School	1	0	0
Down	The High School Ballynahinch	1	0	2
Down	Unknown	2	0	0
Dungannon&S Tyrone	Benburb Primary School	0	0	1
Dungannon&S Tyrone	Drumglass High School	1	0	1
Dungannon&S Tyrone	Dungannon Integrated College	0	4	3
Dungannon&S Tyrone	Fivemiletown High School & Community College	0	1	1
Dungannon&S Tyrone	South West College	0	3	0
Dungannon&S Tyrone	St Josephs College	1	0	0
Dungannon&S Tyrone	St Josephs High School	0	1	0
Dungannon&S Tyrone	St Patricks Academy	0	1	1
Dungannon&S Tyrone	St Patricks College	1	0	0
Dungannon&S Tyrone	St Patricks Monastery Primary School	0	1	2
Dungannon&S Tyrone	Unknown	1	0	0
East Belfast	Acquinas Grammar School	0	1	0
East Belfast	Aquinas Grammar School	2	0	0
East Belfast	Ashfield Boys High School	1	0	6
East Belfast	Ashfield Girls High School	1	1	0
East Belfast	Avoniel Primary School	0	0	2
East Belfast	Bloomfield Collegiate Grammar School	0	1	0
East Belfast	Bloomfield Collegiate School	1	0	0
East Belfast	Campbell College	2	2	4
East Belfast	Clarawood School	4	0	1
East Belfast	Grosvenor Grammar School	0	1	3
East Belfast	Millenium Park	0	0	1
East Belfast	Mitchell House Special School	0	0	1
East Belfast	Orangefield High School	1	1	2
East Belfast	Orangefield Presbyterian Church	0	0	1
East Belfast	Park Education Resource Centre	0	1	0

East Belfast	St Vincents Centre	0	1	2
East Belfast	Strathern School	0	1	0
East Belfast	Unknown	1	0	0
Fermanagh	Duke Of Westminster High Schoo	1	0	0
Fermanagh	Enniskillen Model School	0	0	1
Fermanagh	Erne Integrated College	1	3	0
Fermanagh	Erne Special School	1	0	0
Fermanagh	Holy Trinity Primary School	1	1	0
Fermanagh	Lisnaskea High Schl	0	0	2
Fermanagh	Maguiresbridge Primary School	3	0	0
Fermanagh	Mount Lourdes Grammar School	0	1	0
Fermanagh	Portora Royal School	0	0	1
Fermanagh	St Davogs Primary School	2	0	0
Fermanagh	St Marys H S	0	1	0
Fermanagh	St Michaels Primary School	1	0	0
Fermanagh	Unknown	0	0	1
Foyle	Belmont Childrens Home	1	0	0
Foyle	Belmont House Special School	1	0	0
Foyle	Carnhill Community Centre	1	0	0
Foyle	Ebrington Primary School	0	0	1
Foyle	Fountain Primary School	0	1	0
Foyle	Foyle & Londonderry College	1	0	0
Foyle	Foyleview Special School	3	0	0
Foyle	Glendermott Primary School	0	1	0
Foyle	Hollybush Primary School	0	0	3
Foyle	Holy Family Primary School	1	0	0
Foyle	Immaculate Conception College	0	2	0
Foyle	Lisneal College	3	6	3
Foyle	Nazareth House	1	0	0
Foyle	Oakgrove College	0	1	0
Foyle	Oakgrove Integrated College	0	1	0
Foyle	Rock Mills	0	1	0
Foyle	St Brigids College	0	0	1
Foyle	St Brigids High School	1	0	1
Foyle	St Columbs College	1	1	0
Foyle	St Josephs Secondary School	0	1	1

Foyle	St Marys College School	1	0	0
Foyle	St Oliver Plunkett Primary School	1	0	0
Foyle	St Patricks & St Brigids College	1	0	0
Foyle	St Peters High School	0	0	1
Foyle	St Thereses Primary School	2	1	0
Foyle	Steelstown Primary School	1	0	0
Foyle	Stradreagh	1	0	2
Foyle	Thornhill College	1	0	0
Foyle	Unknown	0	2	1
Larne	Ballycarry Primary School	0	1	0
Larne	Larne Grammar School	1	1	0
Larne	Larne High School	2	1	0
Larne	Linn Primary School	0	0	1
Larne	St Killians College	0	3	0
Larne	St Macnissis College Grammar School	1	0	1
Limavady	Ballykelly Primary School	0	1	0
Limavady	Limavady Central Primary School	1	0	1
Limavady	Limavady High School	1	1	8
Limavady	Rossmar School	0	1	1
Limavady	St Marys High School	1	1	0
Limavady	St Patricks College	1	1	0
Limavady	Termoncanice Primary School	1	0	0
Limavady	Unknown	2	0	0
Lisburn	Central Primary School	2	0	0
Lisburn	Dunmurry High School	0	2	1
Lisburn	Fort Hill College	0	0	2
Lisburn	Forthill College	2	4	0
Lisburn	Forthill Primary School	0	2	0
Lisburn	Friends School	0	1	0
Lisburn	Good Shepherd Primary School	0	0	1
Lisburn	Harmony Hill Primary School	0	3	1
Lisburn	Killowen Primary School	1	0	1
Lisburn	Laurelhill Community College	2	1	0
Lisburn	Laurelhill High School	4	0	0
Lisburn	Lisnagarvey Boyshigh School	2	1	0
Lisburn	Lisnagarvey High School	0	0	5

Lisburn	Our Lady Queen Of Peace School	1	0	0
Lisburn	Pond Park Primary School	1	0	0
Lisburn	South Eastern Regional College	0	1	0
Lisburn	St Colms High School	0	5	0
Lisburn	St Kierans Primary	0	1	0
Lisburn	St Patricks High School	0	0	1
Lisburn	Unknown	2	0	2
Lisburn	Wallace High Grammar School	0	0	1
Magherafelt	Magherafelt High School	3	3	0
Magherafelt	Spires Integrated Primary School	0	0	1
Magherafelt	St Marys College	0	0	1
Magherafelt	St Patricks Sec Scho	0	0	1
Magherafelt	St Patricks High School	0	0	1
Magherafelt	Unknown	2	0	0
Moyle	Cross & Passion College	0	2	0
Moyle	Dunluce High School	2	2	2
Moyle	St Patricks Primary School	2	0	1
Newry & Mourne	Abbey Grammar School	3	0	0
Newry & Mourne	Bessbrook Primary School	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	Kilkeel High School	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	Laneway In The Silent Valley	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	Newry High School	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	Sacred Heart	0	1	0
Newry & Mourne	St Colmans College	0	0	3
Newry & Mourne	St Columbans College	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	St Dallans Primary School	1	0	0
Newry & Mourne	St Josephs Boys High School	1	0	0
Newry & Mourne	St Josephs High School	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	St Josephs Primary School	1	0	0
Newry & Mourne	St Malachys Primary School	0	1	3
Newry & Mourne	St Marks High School	1	0	0
Newry & Mourne	St Mary'S High School	0	0	1
Newry & Mourne	St Patricks Primary School	4	0	1
Newry & Mourne	St Patricks School	0	0	2
Newry & Mourne	St Pauls High School	0	3	0
Newtownabbey	Abbots Cross Primary School	0	1	0

Newtownabbey	Ashgrove Primary School	0	1	0
Newtownabbey	Ballyclare Secondary School	2	2	1
Newtownabbey	Belfast High School	0	1	0
Newtownabbey	Edmund Rice College	0	1	0
Newtownabbey	Fairview Primary School	0	0	1
Newtownabbey	Glengormley High School	1	1	2
Newtownabbey	Hollybank Primary School	0	0	1
Newtownabbey	Monkstown Community School	4	0	1
Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey Community High School	2	0	3
Newtownabbey	Rathcoole Primary School	0	1	0
Newtownabbey	St Bernards Primary School	0	0	3
Newtownabbey	St James Primary School	0	1	0
Newtownabbey	St Marys On The Hill Primary School	0	0	1
Newtownabbey	Thompson Primary School	1	3	0
Newtownabbey	Unknown	1	1	0
North Belfast	Ballygolan Primary School	0	1	0
North Belfast	Ballysillan Primary School	1	0	0
North Belfast	Belfast Boys Model School	5	2	2
North Belfast	Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain	0	1	0
North Belfast	Carrs Glen Primary School	5	2	0
North Belfast	Castle High School	1	0	0
North Belfast	Cedar Lodge Primary	1	0	1
North Belfast	Cedar Lodge School	0	1	0
North Belfast	Edenbrook Primary School	0	1	0
North Belfast	Edmund Rice Gm Primary School	1	0	0
North Belfast	Girls Model School	0	2	0
North Belfast	Grays Lane Road Dy	0	0	1
North Belfast	Hazelwood Integrated College	0	1	1
North Belfast	Hazelwood Integrated Primary School	1	1	0
North Belfast	Holy Cross Nursery School	0	0	1
North Belfast	Holy Family Nursery School	0	1	0
North Belfast	Little Flower Secondary School	0	0	2
North Belfast	Loughshore Educational Resource Centre	0	1	0
North Belfast	Loughshore Resource Centre	1	5	5
North Belfast	Lowood Primary School	1	0	0
North Belfast	Our Lady Of Lourdes Primary School	0	1	0

North Belfast	Our Lady Of Mercy Secondary School	0	2	0
North Belfast	Park Lodge Primary School	0	0	2
North Belfast	Seaview Primary School	1	0	0
North Belfast	St Gabriels High School	2	0	0
North Belfast	St Marys Primary School	3	0	0
North Belfast	St Patricks Secondary School	2	0	2
North Belfast	Unknown	2	0	1
North Down	Alternative Education	1	0	0
North Down	Bangor Academy	4	0	1
North Down	Bangor Central Integrated Primary School	0	1	0
North Down	Bangor Grammar School	1	0	1
North Down	Clinic	0	1	0
North Down	Crawfordsburn Primary School	0	0	1
North Down	Groomsport Primary School	0	3	0
North Down	Hollywood Primary School	0	0	1
North Down	Kilcooley Primary School	1	0	0
North Down	Lakewood Centre - Oaklands And Arc Unit	0	2	0
North Down	Priory College	0	3	0
North Down	Priory Integrated College	1	0	0
North Down	Redburn School House	0	1	0
North Down	Rockport School	0	0	1
North Down	St Columbanus College	0	1	2
North Down	Unknown	2	1	0
Omagh	An Creggan Visitors Centre	1	0	0
Omagh	Arvalee School	0	1	0
Omagh	Dean Maguirc College	1	0	0
Omagh	Drumragh Integrated College	0	1	0
Omagh	Dunmullan Primary School	0	1	0
Omagh	Gibson County Primary School	2	0	0
Omagh	Omagh High School	2	10	2
Omagh	Sacred Heart College	1	0	0
Omagh	South West College Omagh	1	0	0
Omagh	St Columbkilles Ps	0	1	0
Omagh	Unknown	0	0	1
South Belfast	Botanic Primary School	0	0	4
South Belfast	Donegall Road Primary School	0	1	0

South Belfast	Finaghy Primary School	2	0	0
South Belfast	Glenveagh Special School	0	1	0
South Belfast	Harberton Special School	0	1	0
South Belfast	Malone College	1	0	2
South Belfast	Malone Integrated College	0	0	2
South Belfast	Methodist College	0	0	1
South Belfast	Rathmore Grammar School,	0	1	0
South Belfast	Rosetta Primary School	0	0	1
South Belfast	Scoil An Droichead	0	0	1
South Belfast	The Royal Belfast Academical Institution	1	0	0
South Belfast	Unknown	1	3	0
South Belfast	Wellington College	0	1	0
South Belfast	Wellington College Belfast	2	0	0
Strabane	Holy Cross College	0	2	0
Strabane	Knockavoe Special Care School	0	1	0
Strabane	Strabane Grammar School	2	0	0
Strabane	Strabane High School	0	3	1
Strabane	Unknown	1	0	0
West Belfast	Cbs	1	0	0
West Belfast	Christian Brothers Secondary S	0	3	0
West Belfast	Colaiste Feirste Irish School	0	1	0
West Belfast	De La Salle School	0	1	0
West Belfast	La Salle Boys School	1	1	1
West Belfast	Springhill Primary School	2	0	0
West Belfast	St Galls Monastery Primary School	0	1	0
West Belfast	St Genevieves High School	0	0	1
West Belfast	St Gerards	0	1	0
West Belfast	St Gerards School	1	0	0
West Belfast	St John The Baptist Primary School	0	1	0
West Belfast	St Josephs Primary School	1	0	0
West Belfast	St Kevins Primary School	1	0	0
West Belfast	St Kevins School	0	0	1
West Belfast	St Louises Comprehensive College	1	0	0
West Belfast	St Roses School	1	1	1
West Belfast	Unknown	0	0	1

Total	264	284	274
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Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI