



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03224

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Violent Incidents

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to question 2 in full;
- fully exempt information in response to question 1 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Act.

Question 1

Total number of incidents of violence against the person for the last financial year 2010/11 recorded by the Force.

Answer

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you requested is available from the PSNI website and can be accessed using the following link:

http://www.psni.police.uk/monthly_crime_update_apr-aug_11_12.xls

Question 2

Total number of incidents of violence against the person where a glass bottle or glass beaker was used in a crime for the last financial year 2010/11. This can be broken or unbroken bottle/beaker.

Answer

There were 319 Violence against the person offences recorded where a bottle/glass was identified as being involved in the incident.

Please note that this information is 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.