



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02887

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Car Crime in Poleglass

### 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

The information that I request is based upon an area, I was wondering if information on the amount of car crime that has taken place in Poleglass over the last 5-8 years (posted year by year) could be published so that a comparison can be made to see how much impact the stronger police presence and the Auto Crime Team has made in the area.

### Answer

This information is published on the NINIS website. Please use the following link which will direct you to the Crime section. Data is available from 1998/99 to 2011/12.

The data requested can be found under the excel workbook 'Notifiable Offences Recorded'. Select the ward tab and the code for Poleglass is 95SS26 and the offence is 'Offences against vehicles'.

<http://www.ninis.nisra.gov.uk/mapxtreme/DataCatalogue.asp?button=Crime>

### Question 2

Also if it is also possible to post the amount of arrests there were in the area over this time scale that would also be beneficial.

### Clarification

On August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 you advised us to include arrest information from Lisburn, Woodbourne and Dunmurry stations.

### Answer

The total number of arrests for the specified areas (Lisburn, Woodbourne and Dunmurry stations) are as follows:

2006: 2030  
2007: 2128  
2008: 1939

2009: 2377  
2010: 2477  
2011: 2436  
2012 (01/01/2012 - to date): 1517

Arrest statistics prior to 2006 are not held in electronic format but are held on paper based Custody files. Enquiries have indicated that to retrieve information before 2006 would be likely to exceed the legislative cost threshold of £450 (18 hours).

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](mailto: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.

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