



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02141

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests and Charges under the Computer Misuse Act 1990

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

I would like to know the total number of people arrested under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 (as amended or otherwise) during the following years:

1. So far in 2012.
2. 2011.
3. 2010.
4. 2009.
5. 2008.
6. 2007.

Answer

The total number of persons arrested under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 are as follows:
In 2012 (to date) = 2 , 2011 = 0, 2010 = 2, 2009 = 0, 2008 = 0 and in 2007 = 1.

Question

I would also like to know the total number of people charged with offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 (as amended or otherwise) during the following years:

1. So far in 2012.
2. 2011.
3. 2010.
4. 2009.
5. 2008.
6. 2007.

Answer

The total number of persons charged under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 are as follows:
In 2012 (to date) = 1 , 2011 = 2 , 2010 = 0, 2009 = 0, 2008 = 0 and in 2007 = 0.

Please note that the number of charges will often differ from the number of arrests. The reason for this is that an arrest record can contain multiple charges/offences.

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.