



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00715

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Committed at Pharmacies

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 would like to request some information relating to crimes committed at pharmacies in all departments in Northern Ireland under the Freedom of Information Act. Section A relates to crimes between January 1 and December 31 2010. Section B relates to crimes happening a year later, January 1 and December 2011. The questions are identical in each section, but each relates to a different year. The queries are below:

Clarification was received that the dates supplied in each question are correct and therefore Section A and Section B are not identical.

Section A:

Please can you supply the following information:

The total number of crimes that occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) between January 1 and December 31 2010.

Answer

The total number of crimes that occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) between January 1 and December 31 2010 was 479.

Question 2

How many shoplifting incidents occurred at a registered pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2010?

Answer

The total number of shoplifting incidents which occurred at a registered pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2010 was 382.

Question 3

How many incidents of robbery, attempted robbery, or burglary occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) in your area between October 22 and December 31 2010?

Answer

The total number of incidents of robbery and burglary offences occurring at premises registered as a pharmacy between October 22 and December 31 2010 was 2.

Question 4

How many assaults or violent crimes were committed at a registered pharmacy between October 22 and December 31 2010?

Answer

The total number of violence against the person offences committed at a registered pharmacy between October 22 and December 31 2010 was 3.

Question 5

Please can you supply details of the incidents described in points 3 and 4, including:

- a) time and date of reported crime
- b) if suspects were believed to be armed (and details of suspected weapons, eg knife, firearm)
- c) whether anyone was hurt
- d) The number of people proceeded against in relation to these incidents, and the type of proceeding that took place (charge, caution, etc).

Answer

Please find the response in the table attached at the end of this correspondence. Statistics Branch cannot provide the number of persons proceeded against but have provided whether or not the offence has been detected and by what means.

Question 6

Section B:

Please can you supply the following information:

The total number of crimes that occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) between January 1 and December 31 2011.

Answer

The total number of crimes that occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) between January 1 and December 31 2011 was 426.

Question 7

How many shoplifting incidents occurred at a registered pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2011?

Answer

The total number of shoplifting incidents which occurred at a registered pharmacy between January 1

and December 31 2011 was 339.

Question 8

How many incidents of robbery, attempted robbery, or burglary occurred at premises registered as a pharmacy (which may be termed as a "chemist" in location codes) in your area between January 1 and December 31 2011?

Answer

The total number of incidents of robbery and burglary offences occurring at premises registered as a pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2011 was 26.

Question 9

How many assaults or violent crimes were committed at a registered pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2011?

Answer

The total number of violence against the person offences committed at a registered pharmacy between January 1 and December 31 2011 was 12.

Question 10

Please can you supply details of the incidents described in points 8 and 9, including:

- a) time and date of reported crime
- b) if suspects were believed to be armed (and details of suspected weapons, eg knife, firearm)
- c) whether anyone was hurt
- d) The number of people proceeded against in relation to these incidents, and the type of proceeding that took place (charge, caution, etc).

Answer

Please find the response in the table attached at the end of this correspondence. Statistics Branch cannot provide the number of persons proceeded against but have provided whether or not the offence has been detected and by what means.

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.psnj.police.uk

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

Recorded violence against the person, robbery and burglary offences where MO location indicates the offence to have taken place at a Pharmacy

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

2010

| Offence Date | Offence Time | Victim Injury | Offence Detection Method | Weapon Involved Details |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 27/10/2010 | 15:25 | N/A | - | - |
| 23/11/2010 | 13:14 | Minor | Charge/Summons Issued | |
| 08/12/2010 | 12:03 | N/A | - | Other weapon involved |
| 11/12/2010 | 13:49 | None | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 11/12/2010 | 13:49 | Minor | Charge/Summons Issued | Physical Force – Injury |

2011

| Offence Date | Offence Time | Victim Injury | Offence Detection Method | Weapon Involved Details |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 19/01/2011 | 18:38 | None | - | - |
| 19/01/2011 | 18:38 | None | - | - |
| 26/01/2011 | 14:04 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 01/02/2011 | 16:14 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 03/02/2011 | 14:39 | N/A | - | - |
| 04/02/2011 | 07:37 | N/A | - | - |
| 04/02/2011 | 17:35 | N/A | - | - |
| 22/02/2011 | 09:00 | N/A | - | Knife involved |
| 22/02/2011 | 17:23 | N/A | - | Knife involved |
| 26/02/2011 | 10:27 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | Knife involved |
| 28/02/2011 | 01:30 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 28/02/2011 | 01:30 | None | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 02/03/2011 | 09:21 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | Knife involved |
| 14/03/2011 | 13:39 | N/A | - | - |
| 16/03/2011 | 10:40 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 25/03/2011 | 17:47 | N/A | - | Knife involved |
| 31/03/2011 | 10:39 | Serious | - | Physical Force – Injury |
| 27/04/2011 | 12:11 | Minor | - | - |
| 27/04/2011 | 12:11 | None | - | - |
| 30/04/2011 | 10:03 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 30/04/2011 | 15:57 | N/A | - | - |
| 15/06/2011 | 04:22 | N/A | - | - |
| 21/06/2011 | 16:08 | N/A | - | - |
| 23/06/2011 | 02:26 | N/A | - | - |
| 08/07/2011 | 14:57 | None | - | - |
| 10/08/2011 | 15:55 | Minor | Charge/Summons Issued | Physical Force – Injury |
| 28/08/2011 | 00:59 | N/A | - | - |
| 29/08/2011 | 12:15 | N/A | - | - |
| 30/08/2011 | 09:28 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 01/09/2011 | 01:24 | N/A | Charge/Summons Issued | - |
| 15/09/2011 | 11:44 | None | - | - |
| 09/10/2011 | 22:03 | N/A | - | - |
| 18/10/2011 | 17:36 | None | - | - |
| 06/12/2011 | 09:09 | N/A | - | - |
| 19/12/2011 | 19:44 | None | - | - |
| 20/12/2011 | 05:50 | N/A | - | - |
| 21/12/2011 | 10:41 | Minor | | Physical Force – Injury |
| 27/12/2011 | 13:27 | None | - | - |