



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02080

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Hate Incidents and Crime

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 require data on the number of Hate Incidents and Crimes from 2004 to the most recent data point at the smallest available geographical unit. At the moment this data is available from the PSNI Statistics webpage at the District / Area level but I would like to have access to this data at either the Middle Super Output Area, Low Super Output Area or Ward level.

Answer

The information is available from the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS) website. The information is available from 2004/05 when the data series began. The most recent data available is 2010/11. Statistics Branch have advised that they are currently preparing the 2011/12 data and it is anticipated this should be available on the NINIS website during the month of June. The data is available down to ward level and is in excel format.

The information requested can be accessed using the following link:

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

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.