



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-03119

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Incidents at Schools

Request and Answer:

Question

Could you provide me with the number of incidents in which the PSNI were called to schools in Northern Ireland in the last 2 years?

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Could you also provide me with a breakdown of the nature of the above incidents for the last 2 years and the policing Districts in which they occurred?

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.

Please find attached at the end of the response tables providing the number of incidents in schools, broken down by the nature of the incidents within each District for the last 2 years.

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.

Incidents at school locations for which there was a dispatched officer (excluding incidents which were resolved without deployment), by nature of incident¹, 2010 and 2011

Nature of Incident		2010	2011
Crime	Violence against the person	256	240
	Sexual offences	16	21
	Robbery	1	1
	Burglary	242	208
	Theft	183	290
	Fraud & forgery	5	3
	Criminal damage	291	228
	Drug offences	25	14
	Other miscellaneous offences	21	23
Crime-related incident, no crime recorded		52	69
Anti-social behaviour		197	145
Other incidents	Fire (not arson)	16	9
	Missing/found persons	8	9
	Personal safety & welfare	347	314
	Police generated activity	18	10
	Transport related (eg collisions, highway disruption)	56	74
Total number of incidents		1,734	1,658

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change

¹ These figures have been identified where the incident address includes the word 'school' or where location MO is identified as a school or college (this will include further education colleges). This will include incidents where the address identifies it as occurring 'within the vicinity of' a school. Incidents included are those where an officer has been dispatched, those incidents resolved without deployment have been excluded.

Incidents at school locations for which there was a dispatched officer (excluding incidents which were resolved without deployment), by policing district and area, 2010 and 2011

District	Area	2010	2011
A District	North Belfast	164	119
	West Belfast	71	80
A District Total		235	199
B District	East Belfast	106	74
	South Belfast	46	39
B District Total		152	113
C District	Ards	57	39
	Castlereagh	30	44
	Down	93	80
	North Down	34	38
C District Total		214	201
D District	Antrim	76	53
	Carrickfergus	46	35
	Lisburn	67	73
	Newtownabbey	93	97
D District Total		282	258
E District	Armagh	52	54
	Banbridge	59	50
	Craigavon	67	98
	Newry & Mourne	84	84
E District Total		262	286
F District	Cookstown	14	24
	Dungannon&S Tyrone	57	47
	Fermanagh	41	38
	Omagh	32	33
F District Total		144	142
G District	Foyle	100	98
	Limavady	61	36
	Magherafelt	28	37
	Strabane	23	47
G District Total		212	218
H District	Ballymena	96	89
	Ballymoney	17	25
	Coleraine	67	75
	Larne	27	27
	Moyle	26	25
H District Total		233	241
Grand Total		1,734	1,658

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