



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-00986

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Incidents of Harrassment where MO Mentions Facebook/Twitter

### 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

The number of recorded incidents of harassment and threats (see definition below) where the following is mentioned in the MO Notes:

- a.) Facebook
- b.) Twitter
- c.) Either Facebook or Twitter (if technically possible)

Incidents of harassment and threats include: breach of restraining order; causing intentional harassment/alarm/distress; putting people in fear of violence; racially/religiously aggravated harassment with fear of violence; racially/religiously aggravated harassment without violence; threats to damage property; threats to kill.

We need this data over two timeframes:

- a.) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010
- b.) 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011

### Answer

Please see the table provided below. The figures include offences categorised in the Home Office Classification of Harassment, Threat to Kill and Threat or possession with Intent to Commit Criminal Damage. In Northern Ireland we do not have a separate category for racially or religiously aggravated harassment 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](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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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

## Recorded incidents of harassment and threats

	Mentioned in MO notes		Either Facebook or Twitter
	Facebook	Twitter	
2010	4	0	4
2011	10	0	10