



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02791

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Indecent Exposure

### 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

How many individuals were charged with an act of Indecent Exposure, under the Sexual Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order, s.70 from 2008.

### Answer

Please see the figures below. These figures relate to the offence of 'Exposure' which contravenes Article 70 of The Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008. This offence became effective on 01/02/2009; therefore I have only included charges which occurred on, or after this date.

For clarity, I have listed:-

- the total number of persons charged with exposure, in each year
- the total of exposure offences for the year (some individuals were charged with multiple offences of Exposure).

### Total number of charges issued:

2008: Not applicable

2009: 15 individuals charged with Exposure (23 offences in total)

2010: 13 individuals charged with Exposure (15 offences in total)

2011: 23 individuals charged with Exposure (30 offences in total)

2012: 7 individuals charged with Exposure (7 offences in total)

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.