



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00890

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Attacks on homes in Torrens / Heathfield Road Belfast 2000-2004

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 would like to request any relevant statistics regarding attacks on homes in the Torrens / Heathfield Road area of the Oldpark district of North Belfast, from 2000 until 2004, for example, if there are any records of how many times that the police were called out to attend incidents of intimidation or vandalism that would be perceived to be sectarian in nature.

The PSNI advised you that Statistics Branch are unable to determine if the criminal damage was made to houses and are unable to provide any sectarian figures for this time period as they were not recorded for that time period.

You clarified that the postcode of the area that you are interested in finding out details of incidents of criminal damage and intimidation is BT14.

Answer

Please find the response to the request attached in the table at the end of this correspondence.

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.psnipolice.uk

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

Recorded criminal damage and intimidation offences identified as occurring in the Torrens/Heathfield Court area¹, Belfast

	Recorded
2001	26
2002	51
2003	44
2004	34

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹ Torrens/Heathfield Court area is defined as Torrens Crescent, Torrens Drive, Torrens Road, Torrens Court and Heathfield Court.