



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00751

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Youth Warnings and Reprimands

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 warnings, reprimands or final warnings were given to youths under 16 in 2010 and 2011 for each of the following crimes?

They are rape, attempted rape, sexual assault, ABH, GBH, attempted murder, murder, manslaughter, burglary and robbery.

If these offences are split on the police computer into categories, please group the statistics together under one heading - for example commercial and residential burglaries should come under 'burglary'.

Please supply figures for 2010 and 2011 separately, and group together the figures for the different types of warning (so there is one figure instead of a break down into reprimands, warnings and final warnings for each offence).

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not issue warnings, reprimands and final warnings but instead issue Informed Warnings and Cautions. Details of those issued to youths under 16 in 2010 and 2011 are provided below;

Informed Warnings and Cautions issued to youths under 16 in 2010

Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm x 29
Burglary Offences x 27
Grievous Bodily Harm x 2

Informed Warnings and Cautions issued to youths under 16 in 2011

Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm x 21

Burglary x 31
Sexual Assault Offences x 2

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.

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