



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04715

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Anti-Muslim/Islamophobic Hate Crime

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please provide figures for the number of Anti-Muslim/Islamophobic hate crimes reported for the last two years and this year to date (1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011, 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 and 1st January 2013 to 4th October 2013). Please provide a breakdown by a) month b) week.

Question 2

Please provide the total number of religious hate crimes recorded for the last two years and this year to date (1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011 and 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 and 1st January 2013 to 4th October 2013). Please provide a breakdown by a) month b) week.

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 see the tables below detailing religious motivated/anti-muslim hate crimes by month ^{1,3} and week for the period 2 January 2011 to 4 October 2013.

¹ Further details on Police Recorded Crime statistics, including those with a hate motivation, are available in the [User Guide to Police Recorded Crime Statistics in Northern Ireland](#). This is a reference guide with explanatory notes regarding the issues and classifications which are key to the production and presentation of police recorded crime statistics. The [hate motivation definitions](#) upon which these statistics are based are also available in this user guide and on the PSNI Internet site.

² Data for the current financial year (1 April 2013 onwards) are provisional and will be subject to change until the finalised 2013/14 data are published.

³'Anti-muslim' crimes are a subset of faith/religion motivated incidents/crimes.

Data Quality: While crimes included within the police recorded crime statistics for Northern Ireland are individually checked for compliance with the Home Office Counting Rules by the PSNI's Statistics Branch, the identification of a hate motivation is derived from a motivation 'tick box' on the system used by PSNI to record crime. The motivation is identified and completed by a police officer or

member of police staff for each such reported incident or crime. The correct application of a hate motivation for all such incidents/crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Statistics Branch, but audits and data quality checks are routinely conducted in an attempt to ensure that any under or over-recording is corrected.

Religious motivated/anti-muslim hate crimes by month^{1,3}

Month	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2011		1 Jan to 31 Dec 2012		1 Jan to 4 Oct 2013 ²	
	Faith / Religion	of which: Anti-Muslim ³	Faith / Religion	of which: Anti-Muslim ³	Faith / Religion	of which: Anti-Muslim ³
Jan	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feb	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	2	0	3	0	2	1
Apr	1	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	1	0	6	5
Jun	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	4	0	0	0
Aug	1	0	2	0	2	2
Sep	0	0	1	0	1	0
Oct	1	0	1	1	0	0
Nov	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	0	14	1	12	8

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Religious motivated/anti-muslim hate crimes by week

Week	Religion	Anti-Muslim
27 Dec 2010 to 2 Jan 2011	0	0
3 Jan 2011 to 9 Jan 2011	0	0
10 Jan 2011 to 16 Jan 2011	0	0
17 Jan 2011 to 23 Jan 2011	0	0
24 Jan 2011 to 30 Jan 2011	0	0
31 Jan 2011 to 6 Feb 2011	0	0
7 Feb 2011 to 13 Feb 2011	1	0
14 Feb 2011 to 20 Feb 2011	2	0
21 Feb 2011 to 27 Feb 2011	1	0
28 Feb 2011 to 6 Mar 2011	0	0
7 Mar 2011 to 13 Mar 2011	0	0
14 Mar 2011 to 20 Mar 2011	1	0
21 Mar 2011 to 27 Mar 2011	1	0
28 Mar 2011 to 3 Apr 2011	0	0
4 Apr 2011 to 10 Apr 2011	0	0
11 Apr 2011 to 17 Apr 2011	0	0
18 Apr 2011 to 24 Apr 2011	1	0
25 Apr 2011 to 1 May 2011	0	0
2 May 2011 to 8 May 2011	0	0
9 May 2011 to 15 May 2011	0	0
16 May 2011 to 22 May 2011	0	0
23 May 2011 to 29 May 2011	0	0
30 May 2011 to 5 Jun 2011	0	0
6 Jun 2011 to 12 Jun 2011	0	0
13 Jun 2011 to 19 Jun 2011	0	0
20 Jun 2011 to 26 Jun 2011	0	0

27 Jun 2011 to 3 Jul 2011	0	0
4 Jul 2011 to 10 Jul 2011	0	0
11 Jul 2011 to 17 Jul 2011	0	0
18 Jul 2011 to 24 Jul 2011	0	0
25 Jul 2011 to 31 Jul 2011	0	0
1 Aug 2011 to 7 Aug 2011	1	0
8 Aug 2011 to 14 Aug 2011	0	0
15 Aug 2011 to 21 Aug 2011	0	0
22 Aug 2011 to 28 Aug 2011	0	0
29 Aug 2011 to 4 Sep 2011	0	0
5 Sep 2011 to 11 Sep 2011	0	0
12 Sep 2011 to 18 Sep 2011	0	0
19 Sep 2011 to 25 Sep 2011	0	0
26 Sep 2011 to 2 Oct 2011	0	0
3 Oct 2011 to 9 Oct 2011	0	0
10 Oct 2011 to 16 Oct 2011	0	0
17 Oct 2011 to 23 Oct 2011	0	0
24 Oct 2011 to 30 Oct 2011	1	0
31 Oct 2011 to 6 Nov 2011	0	0
7 Nov 2011 to 13 Nov 2011	0	0
14 Nov 2011 to 20 Nov 2011	0	0
21 Nov 2011 to 27 Nov 2011	0	0
28 Nov 2011 to 4 Dec 2011	0	0
5 Dec 2011 to 11 Dec 2011	0	0
12 Dec 2011 to 18 Dec 2011	0	0
19 Dec 2011 to 25 Dec 2011	0	0
26 Dec 2011 to 1 Jan 2012	0	0
2 Jan 2012 to 8 Jan 2012	0	0
9 Jan 2012 to 15 Jan 2012	0	0
16 Jan 2012 to 22 Jan 2012	0	0
23 Jan 2012 to 29 Jan 2012	0	0
30 Jan 2012 to 5 Feb 2012	0	0
6 Feb 2012 to 12 Feb 2012	0	0
13 Feb 2012 to 19 Feb 2012	0	0
20 Feb 2012 to 26 Feb 2012	0	0
27 Feb 2012 to 4 Mar 2012	0	0
5 Mar 2012 to 11 Mar 2012	0	0
12 Mar 2012 to 18 Mar 2012	1	0
19 Mar 2012 to 25 Mar 2012	1	0
26 Mar 2012 to 1 Apr 2012	1	0
2 Apr 2012 to 8 Apr 2012	0	0
9 Apr 2012 to 15 Apr 2012	0	0
16 Apr 2012 to 22 Apr 2012	0	0
23 Apr 2012 to 29 Apr 2012	0	0
30 Apr 2012 to 6 May 2012	0	0
7 May 2012 to 13 May 2012	0	0
14 May 2012 to 20 May 2012	1	0
21 May 2012 to 27 May 2012	0	0
28 May 2012 to 3 Jun 2012	1	0
4 Jun 2012 to 10 Jun 2012	1	0
11 Jun 2012 to 17 Jun 2012	0	0
18 Jun 2012 to 24 Jun 2012	0	0
25 Jun 2012 to 1 Jul 2012	0	0
2 Jul 2012 to 8 Jul 2012	0	0
9 Jul 2012 to 15 Jul 2012	2	0
16 Jul 2012 to 22 Jul 2012	1	0
23 Jul 2012 to 29 Jul 2012	0	0
30 Jul 2012 to 5 Aug 2012	0	0
6 Aug 2012 to 12 Aug 2012	1	0

13 Aug 2012 to 19 Aug 2012	0	0
20 Aug 2012 to 26 Aug 2012	1	0
27 Aug 2012 to 2 Sep 2012	0	0
3 Sep 2012 to 9 Sep 2012	0	0
10 Sep 2012 to 16 Sep 2012	0	0
17 Sep 2012 to 23 Sep 2012	0	0
24 Sep 2012 to 30 Sep 2012	1	0
1 Oct 2012 to 7 Oct 2012	1	1
8 Oct 2012 to 14 Oct 2012	0	0
15 Oct 2012 to 21 Oct 2012	0	0
22 Oct 2012 to 28 Oct 2012	0	0
29 Oct 2012 to 4 Nov 2012	0	0
5 Nov 2012 to 11 Nov 2012	0	0
12 Nov 2012 to 18 Nov 2012	1	0
19 Nov 2012 to 25 Nov 2012	0	0
26 Nov 2012 to 2 Dec 2012	0	0
3 Dec 2012 to 9 Dec 2012	0	0
10 Dec 2012 to 16 Dec 2012	0	0
17 Dec 2012 to 23 Dec 2012	0	0
24 Dec 2012 to 30 Dec 2012	0	0
31 Dec 2012 to 6 Jan 2013	0	0
7 Jan 2013 to 13 Jan 2013	0	0
14 Jan 2013 to 20 Jan 2013	0	0
21 Jan 2013 to 27 Jan 2013	1	0
28 Jan 2013 to 3 Feb 2013	0	0
4 Feb 2013 to 10 Feb 2013	0	0
11 Feb 2013 to 17 Feb 2013	0	0
18 Feb 2013 to 24 Feb 2013	0	0
25 Feb 2013 to 3 Mar 2013	0	0
4 Mar 2013 to 10 Mar 2013	0	0
11 Mar 2013 to 17 Mar 2013	2	1
18 Mar 2013 to 24 Mar 2013	0	0
25 Mar 2013 to 31 Mar 2013	0	0
1 Apr 2013 to 7 Apr 2013	0	0
8 Apr 2013 to 14 Apr 2013	0	0
15 Apr 2013 to 21 Apr 2013	0	0
22 Apr 2013 to 28 Apr 2013	0	0
30 Apr 2013 to 5 May 2013	0	0
6 May 2013 to 12 May 2013	0	0
13 May 2013 to 19 May 2013	0	0
20 May 2013 to 26 May 2013	3	0
27 May 2013 to 2 Jun 2013	3	0
3 Jun 2013 to 9 Jun 2013	0	0
10 Jun 2013 to 16 Jun 2013	0	0
17 Jun 2013 to 23 Jun 2013	0	3
24 Jun 2013 to 30 Jun 2013	0	2
1 Jul 2013 to 7 Jul 2013	0	0
8 Jul 2013 to 14 Jul 2013	0	0
15 Jul 2013 to 21 Jul 2013	0	0
22 Jul 2013 to 28 Jul 2013	0	0
29 Jul 2013 to 4 Aug 2013	0	0
5 Aug 2013 to 11 Aug 2013	0	0
12 Aug 2013 to 18 Aug 2013	1	1
19 Aug 2013 to 25 Aug 2013	1	1
26 Aug 2013 to 1 Sep 2013	0	0
2 Sep 2013 to 8 Sep 2013	1	0
9 Sep 2013 to 15 Sep 2013	0	0
16 Sep 2013 to 22 Sep 2013	0	0
23 Sep 2013 to 29 Sep 2013	0	0

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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.

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