



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05257

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Convictions for Non-Molestation Order Breaches

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to find out under the freedom of information Act how many people have been convicted of breaking a Non-Molestation Order in the last 12 months and sent to prison for breaking the Non-Molestation Order in the last 12 months in Northern Ireland.

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.

PSNI records show that in the last 12 months 238 persons were convicted of breaching a Non-Molestation Order. Some of these persons were convicted for multiple Non-Molestation Order offences. For the 12 month period, the total number of Non-Molestation Order offences resulting in a conviction is 399.

PSNI records show that in the last 12 months, 46 persons were committed to prison for breaching a Non-Molestation Order. Some of these persons were committed to prison for multiple Non-Molestation Order offences. For the 12 month period, the total number of Non-Molestation Order offences resulting in prison committal was 70.

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.

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