



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01027

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime Data On Harassment Offences

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many harassment crimes were recorded from 2009 to 2012, providing this data by each calendar year (January 1 to December 31), for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, that reference the following in the MO notes:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Bebo
- Google Plus
- Blackberry
- MySpace

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Recorded Harassment offences where the notes in the mo contained reference to the specified websites¹

Northern Ireland

	Recorded offences
2009	4
2010	3
2011	9
2012	14

Source: PSNI statistics branch

¹ Specified websites include: Facebook, Twitter, Bebo, Google Plus, Blackberry or MySpace

Question 2

When providing the number of harassment offences by each calendar year that mention the above in the MO notes, please state how many harassment crimes relate to each of the terms above e.g. there were X number of harassment offences relating to Facebook in 2009.

Answer

Recorded Harassment offences where the notes in the mo contained reference to the specified websites by named website

Northern Ireland

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Facebook	1	3	9	13
Twitter	-	-	-	-
Bebo	3	-	-	-
Google Plus	-	-	-	-
Blackberry	-	-	-	1
MySpace	-	-	-	-

Source: PSNI statistics branch

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