



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01193

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Incidents of Burglary

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many incidents of burglary have been reported in your constabulary in each of the last three years for which you have records?

Question 3

Of all reports of burglary, how many were domestic burglary incidents (i.e. at dwellings)? Please provide answers for each of the last 3 recorded years.

Answers 1 and 3

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.

The information requested is available from the PSNI website under in the 'Trends in Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland' publication. This can be accessed using the link provided below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/police_recorded_crime_in_northern_ireland_1998-99_to_2011-12.pdf

Question 2

How many/what proportion received police attendance at the scene?
Please provide answers for each of the last 3 recorded years.

Question 4

How many/what proportion of domestic burglary reports received police attendance? Please provide answers for each of the last 3 recorded years.

Answers 2 and 4

Please find the response in the table below for Recorded Burglary Offences:

Recorded Offences	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
All Burglary offences	12,460	11,849	10,580
which had a dispatched officer involved	11,895	11,295	10,003
Burglary in a dwelling offences	7,269	7,081	6,650
which had a dispatched officer involved	7,030	6,831	6,303

Source: PSNI statistics branch

Please note the data indicates less scenes were attended than crime recorded for a number of reasons, commonly:

1. The limitations of what we can search for - if the individual 'dispatched officer' details were not recorded within our crime recording system (Niche), the search used to obtain this data would not record police as attending. This is misleading as our Command and Control system may in fact record officers as attending but not classed as 'dispatched officer' for example.
2. There are a number of crimes reported where the victim explicitly state they do not require or want police to attend and in these circumstances there appears no value in doing so.

Question 5

Is it your constabulary's policy to attend all incidents of burglary/domestic burglary that are reported to you? Please provide an explanation if it is not.

Answer 5

I have contacted the 8 Districts within PSNI and it is their policy to attend burglary incidents.

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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