



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01325

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Screening Out Of Crimes

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the process of "screening out" of crimes (also known as NFA - No further action).

Please can you tell me how many crimes reported to your police force were screened out in 2011/12 and how many total crimes were reported to the force in the same period.

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.

There were a total of 7303 offences recorded as No Further Police Action in 2011/12.

The total number of crimes reported to PSNI is available on the PSNI website and can be accessed by using the link below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/directory/updates/updates_statistics/update_crime_statistics.htm

Question 2

Can you also provide a breakdown of the information with regards to type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc)

Answer

Please find in the table below a breakdown of the main crime types:

Offence group	Totals
Violence against the person offences	2956
Sexual offences	208
Robbery offences	29
Burglary offences	501
Offences against vehicles	181
Other theft offences	1345
Fraud and forgery offences	215
Criminal damage offences	1736
Drug offences	132
TOTAL NFPA - ALL OFFENCES	7303

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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.