Personal, Professional, Protective Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2014-05651

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Burglaries At Business Premises 2012 - 2014

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please provide the following:
1. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI so far in calendar year 2014?

2. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI in calendar year 2013?

3. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI in calendar year 2012?

4. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI so far in calendar year 2014 which have been marked as closed with stolen items recovered (excluding those closed due to lack of evidence)?

5. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI in calendar year 2013 which have been marked as closed with stolen items recovered (excluding those closed due to lack of evidence)?

6. Number of Burglaries at Business Premises reported to PSNI in calendar year 2012 which have been marked as closed with stolen items recovered (excluding those closed due to lack of evidence)?

7. If possible can these figures be broken down by District?

Clarification:
Business type is recorded as one of the following (as agreed through the request clarification of 16th December):
Alarm company, Animals, Charity/Religion, Child Care, Community, Computing, Construction, Customer Services/Retail, Education, Entertainment, Farming/Conservation, Financial, Food Services, Garage recovery, Glazier, Home, Housing association, Insurance, Legal/Political, Leisure, Manufacturing, Media, Medical, Motoring, Other, Pharmaceutical, Religious, Retail, Security, Shipping/Trade, Storage, Telecommunications/IT, Transport/Storage, Undertaker, Utilities

Q4 -Q6 Statistics Branch cannot identify burglaries marked as 'closed (excluding those closed due to lack of evidence)'. Also while Statistics Branch would be able to provide information on those burglaries identified for Q1-Q3 where property classified as stolen has also been classified as

recovered, we would not be able to do this based on the criteria given by the requester (ie. closed but excluding those due to lack of evidence). Does the requester wish us to continue with their request but without excluding those burglaries 'closed due to lack of evidence' from the statistics results?

Yes please continue on this basis

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. The information you requested has been collected together into the attached tables below.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

Burglaries at Business Premises, calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date (1st January to 15th December)

The following figures represent the number of offences of burglary in a building other than a dwelling recorded by the police where the victim is recorded as being a business and where their business type is recorded as one of the following (as agreed through the request clarification):
Alarm company, Animals, Charity/Religion, Child Care, Community, Computing, Construction, Customer Services/Retail, Education, Entertainment, Farming/Conservation, Financial, Food Services, Garage recovery, Glazier, Home, Housing association, Insurance, Legal/Political, Leisure, Manufacturing, Media, Medical, Motoring, Other, Pharmaceutical, Religious, Retail, Security, Shipping/Trade, Storage, Telecommunications/IT, Transport/Storage, Undertaker, Utilities

Q1 to Q3 Number of burglaries at business premises reported to PSNI

Policing District	2012	2013	2014 (1st January to 15th December)
A	209	213	134
B	403	443	419
C	258	245	191
D	318	265	194
E	407	270	272
F	173	175	177
G	223	187	161
H	174	141	127
Northern Ireland	**2,165**	**1,939**	**1,675**

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Q4 to Q6 Of those burglaries at business premises reported to PSNI, the number where property is recorded as being stolen and the number of those where the property has since been classified as recovered by police, recovered by owner or recovered fit for resale.

Policing District	2012		2013		2014 (1st January to 15th December)	
	Property stolen	Property since recovered	Property stolen	Property since recovered	Property stolen	Property since recovered
A	132	6	122	8	85	6
B	293	8	319	15	279	8
C	156	8	154	9	112	7
D	193	10	184	6	119	3
E	261	16	160	11	156	8
F	103	6	105	9	102	6
G	121	5	112	10	95	7
H	113	7	87	4	76	2
Northern Ireland	1,372	66	1,243	72	1,024	47

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.