



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00456

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Elderly Victims of Crime

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state how many crimes were reported to the PSNI in each of the last three calendar years, up to and including 2013, where the victim/victims were aged 65 or over?

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.

Please find below a link to the PSNI website where details of the number of crimes reported to PSNI in each of the last three calendar years, up to and including 2013, where the victim was aged 65 or over is published.

http://www.psni.police.uk/police_recorded_crime_in_northern_ireland_1998-99_to_2012-13_pivot_tables_victim_characteristics.xls

Question 2

In each year, please provide a breakdown of the crimes - e.g. attempted murder 6 victims, arson, 60 victims.

Answer

Please find below a link to the PSNI website where details of the types of crimes reported to PSNI in each of the last three calendar years, up to and including 2013, where the victim was aged 65 or over is published.

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Question 3

In relation to question two, in each crime category state how many of the cases resulted in (a) someone being arrested (b) someone being charged

Answer

Please find below a table showing the number and nature of recorded crimes between 2010 and 2013 where at least one person was arrested in connection to an offence where the victim was aged 65 or over.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Violence with Injury (Including Homicide)	66	69	65
Violence without Injury	81	76	75
Sexual Offences	5	4	4
Robbery	12	10	16
Theft - Burglary	79	74	78
Theft – Vehicle Offences	27	32	26
Theft – All other Theft Offences	37	50	56
Criminal Damage & Arson Offences	61	71	75
Other Crimes Against Society	3	2	5
Other Fraud	4	12	18

Please find below a table showing the number and nature of recorded crimes between 2010 and 2013 where at least one person was charged in connection to an offence where the victim was aged 65 or over.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Violence with Injury	39	31	35
Violence without injury	45	38	30
Sexual Offences	4	1	1
Robbery	6	6	11
Theft – Burglary	38	46	28
Theft – Vehicle Offences	16	20	14
Theft – All other Theft Offences	13	22	24
Criminal Damage & Arson Offences	29	38	34
Other Crimes against society	1	0	1
Other Fraud	1	1	11

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.

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.

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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.