



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-05815

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Incidents At Mill House, Ballymena 2011 - 2014

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many incidents have been reported regarding the above address (for example number of phone calls regarding anti-social or criminal activity)?

#### 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.

In the last 3 years, from 09/12/2011 to 09/12/2014 there were 205 recorded occurrences referring to this address. However please note that of those incidents specifically outlined, these calls may not necessarily all be attributable to the residents within the premises and may refer to incidents occurring outside them as the nearest identifiable premises.

In addition, please note that the term anti-social activity covers a wide range of activities and is defined as "behaviour by a person which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the person". Examples of incident types which can be defined as anti-social behaviour are available on the PSNI website a link to which is below [http://www.psni.police.uk/asb\\_definitions\\_april\\_2006\\_to\\_march\\_2011.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/asb_definitions_april_2006_to_march_2011.pdf)

#### Question 2

The amount of times police officers have had to visit the above address?

#### Answer

Unfortunately it is not possible to answer this question, as not only would police be attending in relation to a request or one of the reported incidents but local Neighbourhood Officers on the beat would regularly visit on an informal basis as would be common practice across Ballymena and is a practice welcomed by staff.

#### Question 3

The nature of the above reported incidents?

#### Answer

The 'Dispatch Type' breakdown for the 205 recorded incidents is attached at the end of this document in table format.

#### **Question 4**

The outcome of the reported incidents?

#### **Clarification**

I have received a response from the record keeper of the information that you have requested and have been advised that in relation to your fourth question for the 'outcome of the reported incidents' that to obtain this data would require a manual inspection of the records for all of the incidents reported to the PSNI for the three year period requested and that to do so would result in your request response exceeding the FOI legislative cost of 18 hours. However they have advised that it would not be over cost to provide the answers to all of the other questions in your request and have asked, if you are happy for us to do so, that the FOI request be refined to take out the question related to the 'Outcome of the reported incidents'? Please advise us if this acceptable to you and if so we will continue to process the other questions asked in your FOI request.

Response: I am happy to proceed with the request with that question omitted.

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](mailto: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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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

<b>Dispatch Type</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
Alarms-False	1
Arrests	5
Arson-Damage	1
ASB-Nuisance	15
ASB-Personal	2
Assault	19
Assault Causing Bodily harm	1
Assault on Police	3
Bail	2
Breach of Injunction	1
Burglary	1
Burglary Dwelling	6
Burglary in a Dwelling	1
C6 Occurrence	4
Collapse/Illness/Injury	1
Concern for Safety	17
Contact Record	3
Court Order Violation	2
Criminal Damage	6
Dispute other	8
Disturbance	2
Drugs Offence	1
Drugs	4
Drunkenness	1
Fire	1
Firearms offence	1
Found Property	1
Fraud and Forgery	1
Hate Crime	1
Intimidation Witness	2
Lost Property	2
Lost/Found property	1
Making off Without payment	1
Mental Health	1
Missing Person	22
Other	17
Other Offences Against the Person	4
Phone Call- Threat/Harass/Indecent	1
Premises Search	3
Public Order	5
Rowdy and Inconsiderate	5
Sexual	1
Sexual Assault	1
Sudden Death/Not Suspicious	1
Summons for Service	1
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious person	2
Telephone Call Threatening Obscene	2
Theft	16
Threats to Kill	2
Traffic-Other Road Traffic Order Offence	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>