



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00403

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number of Offences Knife/Blade used Robberies 2012 - to date

Request and Answer:

Question

Please detail the number of offences where a knife or blade was used as a weapon specifically to injure someone rather than during a robbery in 2012 and 2013 and 2014 to date, broken down by (i) month,

(ii) nature of offence,

(iii) policing district in which the offence occurred,

(iv) number of fatalities

(v) number of people charged for such offences during 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.

Please see Table attached with all the details you requested incorporated in it.

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.

Violence against the person offences where the record identifies a weapon causing injury of type 'knife' or 'other piercing or cutting' and where the victim's injury has been identified as fatal, serious or minor; 01.01.2012 to 31.01.2014

(i) by month

Month	2012	2013	2014
January	37	43	42
February	25	33	-
March	31	35	-
April	40	37	-
May	61	42	-
June	45	33	-
July	57	53	-
August	48	53	-
September	52	34	-
October	41	35	-
November	35	41	-
December	38	49	-
Total	510	488	42

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

(ii) by nature of offence

Nature of offence	2012	2013	2014
Murder	5	6	0
Attempted murder	24	22	3
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	291	247	22
Assault with injury	187	203	17
Threats to kill	3	10	0
Total	510	488	42

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

(iii) by policing district in which the offence occurred

Policing district	2012	2013	2014
A District	91	100	12
B District	57	69	4
C District	58	37	2
D District	61	62	4
E District	86	63	8
F District	41	49	2
G District	56	68	6
H District	60	40	4
Total	510	488	42

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

(iv) fatalities

Fatalities	2012	2013	2014
Fatalities	5	6	0

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

(v) by number of people charged¹

	2012	2013	2014
Persons charged	147	96	3

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹ These figures are based on the number of persons charged with assault type offences arising from those incidents reported to police that were identified in questions (i) to (iv).

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.