



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00002

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number Of People Arrested For Vice Related Offences in NI

Request and Answer:

Question

Please could you provide details of how many people have been (a) arrested for (b) prosecuted for and (c) convicted of vice-related offences in Northern Ireland for the years 2007 to 2013 inclusive; and if possible the gender and age/age-range of the persons.

Vice-related offences are:

Loitering or Soliciting for Prostitution Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation Causing, Inciting and Controlling Prostitution for Gain Keeping a Brothel Paying for Sexual Services

In regard to trafficking for Sexual Exploitation, if possible can you specify whether the case related to prostitution or not.

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 table showing the number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions for vice related offences in Northern Ireland between 2007 and 2013.

Year	Arrested			Prosecuted			Convicted		
	Male	Female	Age Range	Male	Female	Age Range	Male	Female	Age Range
2007	4	4	29-49	4	4	29-49	-	-	-
2008	5	10	26-57	4	7	33-57	-	-	-
2009	8	9	16-58	4	3	32-58	-	-	-
2010	10	6	19-50	4	4	19-50	0	1	50
2011	18	6	18-52	15	5	18-52	0	3	25-39
2012	11	16	18-58	8	15	18-53	0	11	19-42
2013	14	7	19-54	6	3	24-51	0	0	-

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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