



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-01154

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Reports of Sexual Assault and Rape

Request and Answer:

Question 1

On how many occasions in each of the last five years has a licensed taxi driver been reported to your force for (a) sexual assault and (b) rape and how many were charged?

Question 2

On how many occasions in each of the last five years has an unlicensed taxi driver been reported to your force for (a) sexual assault and (b) rape and how many were charged?

Question 3

On how many occasions in each of the last five years has a licensed private hire car driver been reported to your force for (a) sexual assault and (b) rape and how many were charged?

Question 4

On how many occasions in each of the last five years has an unlicensed private hire car driver been reported to your force for (a) sexual assault and (b) rape and how many were charged?

Clarification received that the number of occasions where the occupation of a person arrested or charged in relation to a sexual assault or rape between 2009 and 2013 is recorded as a taxi/mini cab driver would be acceptable.

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 arrests¹ for rape and sexual assault offences where the occupation of the offender was taxi/mini cab driver.

	Rape	Sexual assault
2009	2	3
2010	4	4
2011	2	5
2012	2	2
2013	2	7

¹ Arrested and brought into custody.

The information in the above table refers to 22 individuals arrested; one individual may have been arrested for a rape and a sexual assault offence.

Please find below a table showing the number of people charged² with rape and sexual assault offences where the occupation of the offender was taxi/mini cab driver.

	Rape	Sexual assault
2009	1	1
2010	1	1
2011	1	2
2012	0	1
2013	1	1

² Arrested and brought into custody and subsequently charged.

The information in the above table refers to 6 individuals charged; one individual may have been charged for a rape and a sexual assault offence.

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. Figures within the current financial year (i.e. from 1st April 2013) are provisional and will be subject to change.

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.

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