



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-04204

Keyword: Crime

Subject: URINATING IN A PUBLIC PLACE

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to obtain the figures for how many people have been prosecuted for urinating in a public place in:

- a) Ballymena
- b) Coleraine

I'm aware those figures may come under "indecent behaviour".

Clarification Sought

Please provide the time frame you are interested in.

Clarification Received

The time frame I am requesting the info for would be from January 2013 up until present day.

Further Clarification Sought

Due to there being various methods of disposal please confirm that by 'Prosecuted' you require information on those convicted in court.

Further Clarification Received

I mean convicted in court. If there are separate figures available for people charged with it, that would be great too.

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.

The following information contains details of indecent behaviour convictions and charges related to the policing areas of Ballymena and Coleraine since 1st January 2013 where summary details contain 'urinate', 'urination' or 'urinating' in the wording.

Between 1st January 2013 and 19th September 2014 2 persons were convicted of indecent behaviour offences relevant to this request in Ballymena and 7 persons were convicted in Coleraine.

During the same period 1 person was charged with indecent behaviour relevant to this request in Ballymena and 1 person was charged in Coleraine.

PSNI possesses summary information on convictions without detail of the conviction. Further information may be obtainable from the Northern Ireland Courts System who is responsible for this area of the judicial process.

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.