



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-05696

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Detention Under the Mental Health Act

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

Under a freedom of information request could I ask how many persons a year in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date have been held in custody cells throughout your forces jurisdiction under the mental health act?

Further to the above could this be broken down into calendar month if a person(s) is or has been held?

#### 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 the number of people arrested and processed through custody for the offence of 'Detained under the Mental Health Order' from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Month	Year		
	2012	2013	2014
January	3	2	0
February	1	3	0
March	3	2	3
April	1	4	5
May	1	0	2
June	3	1	6
July	3	2	2
August	2	1	1
September	2	0	4
October	1	3	0
November	1	3	2
December	5	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>

Please note that a person may have been arrested for other offences and whilst in custody been subsequently arrested for the offence of Detained Under the Mental Health Order or they may have

been arrested for their own safety and only arrested to be detained under the mental health order. This information is based on data extracted from a live 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.

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.

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