



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-01882

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Discretionary Disposals Administered From 2011 To Date

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What is the total number of discretionary disposals administered by the PSNI (alternatives to prosecution) in the following calendar years; 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 (to date)?

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 total number of discretionary disposals administered by the PSNI for the periods you have requested are detailed in the table below. Please note that the numbers relate to the total number of offences which were dealt with via a discretionary disposal report and not the total number of occasions that individuals have been dealt with via a discretionary disposal.

Year	Total
2011	13252
2012	19736
2013	17069
2014 to date	4175

Question 2

How many individuals have received more than 5 discretionary disposals?

Answer

1 individual has received more than 5 discretionary disposals.

Question 3

What is the highest number of discretionary disposals any one individual has received?

Answer

The highest number any one individual has received is 7.

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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