



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05456

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Police Bail

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state the number of people currently on police bail (under investigation and awaiting a decision on charges) after being arrested by your force.

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.

There are currently 1644 people with an active PACE 13.1.a report against them. This equates to police bail.

Question 2

Of the people in part 1 what is the longest amount of time that an individual has been on police bail without charge.

Answer

Of the 1644 people at question 1 the longest time with an active PACE 13.1a is 805 days.

Question 3

Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than six months.

To clarify: I would like the figure for the number of people on bail, not the number of offences, as some people may be on bail for more than one offence.

Answer

The number of people on an active PACE 13.1a greater than 180 days is 244.

Question 4

Please state how many individuals were placed on police bail by your force each year between 1976 and 2013 inclusive. Where historical data is not held, the same information from the earliest date for which figures are available to 2013 inclusive would be acceptable.

Answer

The PSNI only hold data from 2007 onwards and the yearly running total for the period 2007 to 2013 can be found in the table below.

Year	Individual on PACE 13.1
2007	4303
2008	5990
2009	7776
2010	8006
2011	8178
2012	9200
2013	9288

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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