



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-02961

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Police Call-Outs to NHS Hospitals

Request and Answer:

Question

Each year, for the past three calendar years, on how many occasions have your officers been called out to NHS hospital premises?

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 see the table below detailing the number of police call-outs at hospitals.

Year	Officer Dispatched or Attended Hospital
2011	4149
2012	4854
2013	5892

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note: Records were identified where the 'Occurrence Address' contained the keyword 'hospital', then removing those cases 'in the vicinity of' and 'Hospital Road'. From this list was extracted those occasions where an officer was 'dispatched' or 'attended'. There is no marker to distinguish between NHS hospital and non-NHS.

Records shown above include all reasons for attendance at hospital, for example road traffic collisions, sudden deaths, alarms, concern for safety and missing persons.

This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and 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.

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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