



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05135

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Since 2009 Arrests For Meetings Following Child Sexual Grooming

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many arrests has your force made for "meeting a child following sexual grooming" since 2009? Please can you break it down year by year and provide the information in an excel spreadsheet or CSV format.

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 which shows the number of arrests for the offence of meeting a child following sexual grooming (1 January 2009 – 30 September 2014). Please note this includes attempting to meet a child following sexual grooming. An arrest is defined as 'arrested and processed through custody'.

N.B. 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.

Year	Number of arrests
2009	8
2010	13
2011	15
2012	5
2013	14
2014	7

Arrested and processed through custody.

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.

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