



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00867

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Assets Seized in C Dist relating to Prostitution

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to request details of assets seized by the PSNI in C District over the last five years in relation to prostitution offences including brothel keeping. Please list statistics for each year.

Answer

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information and the response is as follows.

Nil return.

Question 2

I would also like to request the number of arrests, charges and convictions made in relation to prostitution including brothel keeping in C District over the last five years. Again please list statistics for each year.

You previously clarified you would like to receive arrest details to be based on records where:

- the person was arrested in C District (offence may or may not have occurred in C District); or
- the offence occurred in C District (person may or may not have been arrested in C District).

Answer

Please interpret the following data in conjunction with the following notes. ¹ Arrested and detained in police custody, note this will not include persons arrested and not detained in custody.

²Offences include:

- Causing Or Inciting Child Prostitution Or Pornography Of Person Under 18
- Causing Or Inciting Child Prostitution Or Pornography
- Brothel Keeping

Please note: 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.

Please see the table below detailing arrests¹ for prostitution or brothel keeping offences² in C District where the arrest occurred in C District for the period 1 January 2010-31 December 2014. There were

no charges in relation to these offences and no convictions recorded on the Niche database.

Year	Number
2010	0
2011	2
2012	0
2013	0
2014	4

Please see the table below detailing arrests¹ for prostitution or brothel keeping offences² in C District where the offence occurred in C District for the period 1 January 2010-31 December 2014. There were no charges in relation to these offences and no convictions recorded on the Niche database.

Year	Number
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	4

PSNI can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relating to this request and with regard to an exempt body as the duty in section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) - Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this area.

The National Crime Agency is an exempt body as detailed within Section 23(3). Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held which relates to an exempt body would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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