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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2015-00981

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Burglaries North Belfast

Request and Answer:

Question 1
Request for Information in relation to burglaries in North Belfast. How many burglaries have police dealt with since the beginning of this year (2015) in the North Belfast area?

Question 2
How many arrests have been made in relation to burglaries?

Question 3
How many convictions have been attained in relation to the arrests?

Question 4
May I add to this request how many of the arrests in relation to burglaries have been youths, if possible.

Clarification Sought
To enable the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) to meet your request could you please provide further clarification on the following -

1.Statistics Branch can provide the number of burglary offences recorded by police since 1st January 2015 where the burglary occurred in North Belfast policing area.

2. Statistics Branch can provide the number of arrests for burglary since 1st January 2015 where the burglary occurred in North Belfast (i.e. the arrest itself may not have taken place in North Belfast). These arrests will not necessarily be connected to the burglary offences provided for Q1. Please advise if you would be content with this.

In terms of providing the number of arrests of youths, please provide the age range you require.

Please note, police recorded crime figures for burglary by policing area are published on the PSNI website. Figures are currently available to 31st January 2015 (broken down by month). Figures to 28th February will be published on 26th March.

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_crime_statistics.htm
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Clarification Received
In reference to youth arrests I would ask that the age range be up until but excluding 18 years of age.

Further Clarification Sought
Please advise if you are content with the information offered re Question 2.

Further Clarification Received
Yes that's fine thank you.

Question 1
Request for Information in relation to burglaries in North Belfast. How many burglaries have police dealt with since the beginning of this year (2015) in the North Belfast area?

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.

Between 1st January and 19th March 2015, 128 burglaries have been recorded in North Belfast Policing Area.

Question 2
How many arrests have been made in relation to burglaries?

Answer
26 arrests were made for burglary offences between 1st January and 19th March 2015 where the burglary offence had occurred in North Belfast Policing Area. This figure relates to persons arrested and detained in police custody for burglary offences which occurred in North Belfast Policing area however the arrest itself may not have taken place in North Belfast. These arrests will not necessarily be connected to the burglary offences provided for Q1.

Question 3
How many convictions have been attained in relation to the arrests?

Answer
Out of the 26 arrests made between 1st January and 19th March 2015 for burglary offences where the offence had occurred in North Belfast Policing Area, to date 1 person has been convicted.

Question 4
May I add to this request how many of the arrests in relation to burglaries have been youths, if possible.

Answer
5 arrests were made between 1st January -19th March 2015 for burglary offences where the offence occurred in North Belfast Policing Area and the arrested person was aged under 18 at the time of arrest.

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 note that figures within the current financial year (i.e. from 1st April 2014) are provisional and will be subject to change.

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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