



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02775

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Domestic Burglaries and Officer Attendance

Request and Answer:

Question

I hereby request the following information:

1. The total number of reported domestic burglaries in the financial year 2013/14 in which an officer was not at any point during the investigation sent to the scene of the burglary.
2. The total number of reported domestic burglaries in the financial year 2014/15 in which an officer was not at any point during the investigation sent to the scene of the burglary.

Refinement:

This is an adjustment to the below request in the light of some responses suggesting this could not be met under the costs limit.

Therefore I am now seeking:

Question 1

The total number of domestic/dwelling burglaries reported to your force in the month of July, 2015.

Question 2

Of those, the total number in which an officer has not at any point attended the scene (i.e. the property where the burglary took place).

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 find a table below which shows the number of crimes of burglary in a dwelling that were reported to the PSNI between the 1st and the 31st of July 2015.

The information provided in the table below also shows the number of burglaries for which a PSNI officer has been linked as an 'Investigating Officer (IO)', 'Investigating Officer (assistant)', 'SIO' or 'SIO (deputy)' where SIO stands for Senior Investigating Officer.

Our central database does not have a category for 'officer attendance' to burglaries. To extract the number of incidents which no officer attended would require us to access each individual burglary

report, and this would exceed FOI timeframes.

Time Period	Number of Crimes of Burglary in a Dwelling	Of which an Officer is linked as an Investigating Officer
1 st July 2015 to 31 st July 2015	477	472

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

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 and so it may not accurately reflect whether the domestic burglary was under investigation or whether an officer was or was not sent to the scene at any point during the investigation.

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