



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02594

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Human Trafficking and Exploitation

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Further to F-2015-02377 I think that you have however misunderstood my first question. I specifically asked about the amended 64A following the introduction of section 15 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act 2015. This criminalised the purchase of sexual services from any person. It came in to force on the 1st of June 2015. I wanted to know how many arrests, charges and convictions there had been for this offence in the last calendar year. More accurately, I should have said since the 1st of June.

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.

We have identified the following relevant offences within the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015. Please see below the number of arrests, charges and convictions for these offences between 1st June 2015 and 21st August 2015.

Paying for the Sexual Services of a Person

Arrested	Charged	Convicted
1	0	0

Payment for Sexual Services of a Person by a Third Party

Arrested	Charged	Convicted
0	0	0

Paying for Sexual Services of a Person

Arrested	Charged	Convicted
0	0	0

Question 2

I also should have been more precise in how I asked the question. I appreciate that this will be a further FOI request, but you could provide a breakdown by year with regard to the offences? In the stats you have combined all five years could you split it up by calendar year?

Answer

Please find below a breakdown by calendar year of response to F-2015-02377.

Kerb Crawling in the Vicinity of a Vehicle

Number of People	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arrested	0	0	0	4	0
Charged	0	0	0	0	0
Convicted	0	0	0	0	0

Causing Or Inciting Prostitution For Gain

Number of People	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arrested	0	0	0	4	1
Charged	0	0	0	0	0
Convicted	0	0	0	0	0

Controlling Prostitution for Gain

Number of People	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arrested	0	0	0	0	0
Charged	0	0	0	0	0
Convicted	0	0	0	0	0

Brothel Keeping

Number of People	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arrested ¹	4	9	18	6	13
Charged	3	3	14	3	2
Convicted	1	5	12	1	1

¹ Arrested and detained in Police Custody. The information provided above is a count of individuals arrested and/or charged per calendar year, there were 49 individuals arrested and 25 individuals charged from 1 January 2010-31 December 2014.

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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