



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02937

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Legal Highs 2012 - 2015

Request and Answer:

Question

Could you provide overall figures for the word search 'legal high' in the system log for the years stated, thanks.

Clarification Request: Please confirm you would like the 659 incidents referred to broken down to the number in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015?

Clarification Response: Yes, thanks.

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 giving the requested breakdown by year of the 659 calls made to the PSNI which were referred to in FOI request F-2015-02216. The information provided for the year 2015 is for the 1st January to the 8th of July, the date that the previous FOI request (F-2015-02216) was initially received by the PSNI.

Please note that the information provided relates to those incidents where the wording 'legal high' was used within the call for service to the PSNI. It would not be possible to provide information on the specific details of these incidents ie whether the logs were in relation to suspected use of legal highs by members of the public without carrying out a manual examination of each incident.

Year	Number of Calls for Service
2012	13
2013	155
2014	274
2015 (1 st Jan – 8 th July)	217
Total	659

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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