



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00916

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Non-Terrorist Murders

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many non-terrorist related murders were recorded in 2007?

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the response is as follows.

During 2007 there were 23 non-terrorist related murders recorded in Northern Ireland.

Please note: The figures provided exclude those meeting the definition of security related deaths i.e. those which are considered at the time of the incident to be directly attributed to terrorism, where the cause has a direct or proximate link to subversive/sectarian strife or where the death is attributable to security force activity.

Question 2

How many non-terrorist related murders were recorded in 2008?

Answer

During 2008 there were 19 non-terrorist related murders recorded in Northern Ireland.

Please note: The figures provided exclude those meeting the definition of security related deaths i.e. those which are considered at the time of the incident to be directly attributed to terrorism, where the cause has a direct or proximate link to subversive/sectarian strife or where the death is attributable to security force activity.

Question 3

In relation to these murders (in 2007 and 2008) what was the average time taken from the date of charging to bringing the accused to court (i.e. first appearance in court on a preliminary enquiry)?

Answer

Average time taken in 2007 18 hours

Average time taken in 2008 11 hours

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