



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03225

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number of Arrests of 10 and 11 Year Olds

Request and Answer:

Question

Please answer this question separately for (a) 2013 and (b) 2014

How many arrests did you make of people who were aged 10 and 11?

How many of these arrests were for offences of alleged

- (i) rape,
- (ii) other sexual offences,
- (iii) robbery,
- (iv) violence against the person and
- (v) drug offences.

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 two tables below displaying the requested information on the number of arrests in 2013 and 2014 for those aged 10 or 11 at the time of arrest and the offences which these arrests relate to. Please note that the information provided below relates to those individuals arrested and processed through police custody; those arrested and street bailed or dealt with by other means e.g. discretionary disposal etc. will not be included in the figures below. The information in the tables below 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.

Table 1: Number of arrests of persons aged 10 or 11 at time of arrest (2013-2014)

Age at Time of Initial Arrest	Year	
	2013	2014
10	1	2
11	9	9
Total	10	11

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note the information provided in the table above is a count of custody records and relates to 17 persons in total in the requested time period (1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014) i.e. a person may be arrested more than once in any given time period.

Table 2: Offences for which persons aged 10 or 11 were arrested

Offence Arrested For	Year	
	2013	2014
Rape	0	0
Other Sexual Offences	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Violence Against the Person	3	3
Drug Offences	0	0

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note that the information in the table above is a count of custody records and relates to 4 persons in total (1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014) i.e. a person can be arrested more than once in any given time period. The other offences for which persons aged 10 or 11 were arrested include burglary, theft, criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon.

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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