



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02861

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Online Fraud Victims Over 60 Years of Age

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,
 Could you please provide me with figures for the number of people over the age of 60 who have been a victim of online fraud?
 I would like the annual figures for the last three years please.

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 below a table showing the requested information on the number of people aged over 60 who have been a victim of online fraud for the last three financial years. The requested information is not centrally recorded and so to identify the information a search was conducted on the PSNI crime recording system for those crimes classified as 'other fraud' where the victim was over 60 and where the text 'online', 'on line' or 'on-line' was used in the call for service to the PSNI. Please note that this information has been extracted from a live recording system and so may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to enable the identification of those records which are relevant.

Financial Year	Number of Records Identified
2012/13	4
2013/14	6
2014/15	6

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Note: From 1st April 2015 'Action Fraud' has taken responsibility for the central recording of fraud offences previously recorded by PSNI. Action Fraud is the UK's National Reporting Centre for fraud and internet crime is reported directly to them from the public and other organisations. This means that these fraud offences are no longer recorded by PSNI and will from April 2015 be collated by Action Fraud.

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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