



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-00028

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Reported Rapes - Sep - Dec 2014

**Request and Answer:**

**Question 1**

How many rapes were reported from September 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014?

**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.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<sup>a</sup>, there were 229 crimes of rape recorded by the PSNI.

**Question 2**

How does that compare to the same period for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013?

**Answer**

The number of crimes of rape recorded by the PSNI in the four-month period between September and December of each year from 2009 and 2014<sup>a</sup> is detailed below.

	September to December 2009	September to December 2010	September to December 2011	September to December 2012	September to December 2013	September to December 2014 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Number of rapes recorded</b>	143	151	193	169	186	229

**Question 3**

With regards to Question 1 – How many of those listed their occupation as ‘student’?

**Answer**

With regard to Question 1, out of the 229 crimes of rape recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<sup>a</sup>, there were 45 crimes for which the victim’s occupation on the system is listed as Student.

*NB: The occupation information was extracted from occupation status or main occupation of the victim of those crimes and selected when either field was set to or contained the term 'Student'. Note however that these details may not be accurate as they can relate to the person's occupation at the time of creation of their original record on the system and may not have been updated since. Note as well that there were 120 records over the period September to December 2014 for which the victim's occupation details were blank or set to 'Unknown'.*

#### **Question 4**

With regards to Question 1 – How many of those were between the ages of 16 and 24 inclusive?

#### **Answer**

With regards to Question 1, out of the 229 crimes of rape recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<sup>a</sup>, there were 71 crimes for which the victim's age at the time of the offence was between 16 and 24 (inclusive).

#### **Question 5**

With regards to Question 3 – How many of those were female?

#### **Answer**

With regards to Question 3, out of the 45 crimes of rape recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<sup>a</sup> where the victim's occupation on the system was listed as Student, there were 39 crimes for which the victim's gender was Female.

*NB: The occupation information was extracted from occupation status or main occupation of the victim of those crimes, and selected when either field was set to or contained the term 'Student'. Note, however that these details may not be accurate as they can relate to the person's occupation at the time of creation of their original record on the system and may not have been updated since. Note, as well that there were 120 records over the period September to December 2014 for which the victim's occupation details were blank or set to 'Unknown.'*

#### **Question 6**

With regards to Question 4 – How many of those were female?

#### **Answer**

With regards to Question 4, out of the 71 crimes of rape recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<sup>a</sup> where the victim's age at the time of the offence was between 16 and 24 (inclusive), there were 67 crimes for which the victim's gender was Female.

<sup>a</sup>Data from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 is provisional and subject to change. Data was extracted on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and is correct as of that date.

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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