



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00604

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Reports of Trespassers - Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please tell me how many reports of trespassers you have had on private land in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt council districts in 2012, 2013 and 2014 separately.

How many arrests were made, and how many convictions came from these arrests.

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.

There have been four reports made to the PSNI of incidents of trespassing on private land for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the requested areas. The breakdown of which is shown below:

Policing Area	Year	Reports of Trespassing
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2012	1
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2013	2
Magherafelt	2014	1

There were no arrests made in relation to these reported incidents, and therefore no convictions as a result. However please note that trespass to land alone is not a criminal offence, rather it is a civil offence.

In addition, if whilst trespassing on private land an individual carries out an action which results in a criminal offence then this incident may not be recorded as 'trespassing' on our crime recording system. For example, if any damage is committed by a trespasser while trespassing on private land then this may amount to the criminal offence of 'criminal damage' and would be recorded as such on the PSNI systems.

Note: This information is based on data extracted from a live recording 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

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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