



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F2015-03028

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Hate Crimes And Bogus Callers Ascot Gardens And Ascort Park

Request and 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.

N.B. The following information should be read in conjunction with the data provided below.

The number of incidents /crimes for Ascot Gardens/Ascot Park has been identified where Ascot Gardens/Ascot Park appears in the occurrence address, dispatch address or the address initially reported to police. Data for 2015 covers the period from 1 January to 22 September 2015. Figures within the current financial year (i.e. from 1st April 2015) are provisional and will be subject to change.

The information provided is based on data extracted from a live crime 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.

Question 1

Can you please provide me with the number of hate crimes reported in the Ascot Gardens area of Knock for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015?

Answer

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hate motivated incidents	0	0	3	6	1
of which: hate motivated crimes	0	0	1	2	0

Question 2

Can you please provide me with the number of bogus callers/cold callers reported to the PSNI for the Ascot Gardens, Knock area for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015?

Answer

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Bogus caller / cold caller incidents¹	0	0	1	1	1

¹Bogus caller/cold caller incidents have been identified where an incident has been closed using the 'bogus caller' or 'cold calling' codes.

Bogus Caller definition: This qualifier is to be used for all bogus caller incidents / distraction burglary incidents.

Cold Calling definition: This qualifier is to be used to endorse an incident emphasising the connection to, or involvement of, people 'Cold Calling'. This would include door to door selling and unsolicited sales telephone calls.

Question 3

Can you please provide me with information in relation to the number of hate crimes reported in the Ascot Park area of Knock for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015?

Answer

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hate motivated incidents	0	0	0	0	1
of which: hate motivated crimes	0	0	0	0	0

Question 4

Can you please provide me with the number of bogus callers/cold callers reported to the PSNI for the Ascot Park, Knock area for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015?

Answer

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Bogus caller / cold caller incidents	0	0	1	0	0

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Question 5

Can you confirm the number of homes in Ascot Gardens affected by hate crimes/cold callers in the years between 2011 - 2015?

Answer

Incidents relating to hate incidents/crimes or cold callers have been reported for 9 different addresses in Ascot Gardens.

Question 6

Can you confirm the number of homes in Ascot Park affected by hate crimes/cold callers in the years

between 2011 - 2015?

Answer

Incidents relating to hate incidents/crimes or cold callers have been reported for 10 different addresses in Ascot Park.

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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