Personal, Professional, Protective Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2014-00029

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Indecency Offences

Request and Answer:

Under freedom of information laws, I am requesting the number of incidents of particular acts of outraging public indecency that have happened in 2014, 2013 and 2012. Please note I am only interested in acts of two or multiple people having sex or performing sex acts in public places, not in cases of lone individuals exposing themselves. To narrow the criteria my request to your police force is as follows:

Question 1
The number of reported incidents of couples or multiple people committing the crime of outraging public indecency in the calendar year 2014

b) the date of the incident
c) the location of the incident
d) summary of incident
e) the ages of the people involved in the incident
f) outcome, that is, arrest, caution or no action

Question 2
2a - f) Same for 2013

Question 3
3a-f) Same for 2012
If you require any clarification of this request, please let me know.

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 see the table below on pages numbered 1 to 3 which shows offences of committing an act outraging public decency recorded by the police in Northern Ireland where two or more people were involved; calendar years 2012 to 2014.

N.B. This information is based on data extracted from a 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.

N.B. Crime figures from 1st April 2014 are provisional and may be subject to change until the 2014/15 data is finalised in May 2015.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Offences of committing an act outraging public decency recorded by the police in Northern Ireland where two or more people were involved; calendar years 2012 to 2014

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There was 1 such offence identified in 2012, 12 in 2013 and 7 in 2014. Crime figures from 1st April 2014 are provisional and may be subject to change until the 2014/15 data is finalised in May 2015.

Year	Date Reported To Police	Location	Location 2	Location 3	Summary	Ages	Outcome	Arrests
2012	08-Sep-12	Public/open place	Street/road		CAUTIONED FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE	26,23	summons	no
2013	12-Feb-13				FEMALE PERFORMING A SEXUAL ACT ON A MALE IN THE STREET. MALE CAUTIONED FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE AND FEMALE CAUTIONED FOR BEHAVIOUR.	19,18	caution	no
2013	12-Apr-13	Public/open place			TWO PERSONS BOTH APPEAR INTOXICATED . MALE STANDING WITH HIS PENIS IN FULL VIEW OF CAMERAS. THEY THEN SEPERATED AND THEN GOT TOGETHER AGAIN AND WERE SEEN TO BE HAVING ORAL SEX	16,16	caution	no
2013	28-May-13	Public/open place	Country lane		CALLER REPORTS THAT WHEN HE CAME TO THE END OF HIS LANE THERE WAS A MALE AND FEMALE IN A CAR , THEY WERE NAKED AND APPEARED TO BE HAVING SEX IN THE CAR. THEY HEADED IN THE LANE TOWARDS BELFAST AND THERE WERE TRYING TO GET DRESSED	unknown	no current outcome	no
2013	28-Jul-13				POLICE OBSERVED TWO PEOPLE REMOVING CLOTHING AND ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY. DISCRETIONARY DISPOSALS ISSUED.	17,17	discretionary disposal	no
2013	08-Sep-13	Public/open place	Street/road		CCTV REPORTS A MALE AND FEMALE CARRYING OUT A SEXUAL ACT	unknown	no current outcome	no
2013	10-Sep-13	Dwelling	House	Garden	CALLER REPORTS LAST NIGHT AT AROUND 2AM TWO MALES IN THE GARDEN EXPOSING THEMSELVES AND MASTURBATING.	unknown	no current outcome	no
2013	18-Sep-13				CALLER REPORTING A COUPLE IN THERE EARLY 20'S ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY	unknown	no current outcome	no

2013	24-Sep-13				CALLER REPORTS THERE IS A COUPLE IN THEIR 20'S HAVING SEX AT THE REAR OF THEIR PREMISES	unknown	no current outcome	no
2013	27-Oct-13	Public/open place	Street/road		ONGOING INCIDENT OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	21,22	caution	no
2013	31-Oct-13				COUPLE PERFORMING SEXUAL ACT IN PUBLIC PLACE	17,16	caution	no
2013	02-Nov-13		Street/road		MALE AND FEMALE TO BE REPORTED FOR PERFORMING SEXUAL ACT	16,16	caution	no
2013	20-Dec-13				CALLER REPORTS 2 X TEENAGERS HAVING SEX ACROSS THE ROAD FROM HER HOUSE.	16,16	no current outcome	no
2014	13-Jan-14	Public/open place	Street/road		CALLER REPORTS A MALE AND FEMALE IN A JEEP HAVE BEEN MEETING UP THERE ON A DAILY BASIS FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS TO HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	43,58	no current outcome	no
2014	16-Feb-14				STAFF REPORT TWO MEN ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE TOILETS OF ABOVE LOCATION.	unknown	no current outcome	no
2014	30-Jun-14	Public/open place	Street/road		STAFF REPORT A MALE AND A FEMALE AGED AROUND 30 HAVE ENTERED THE SHOP DRUNK AND MADE OFF WITH SEVERAL ITEMS WITHOUT PAYING FOR THEM. THE 2 INDIVIDUALS ARE CURRENTLY SAT OUTSIDE THE SHOP. CALLER UNABLE TO VERIFY WHAT HAS BEEN STOLEN.	unknown	no current outcome	no
2014	09-Jul-14	Public/open place	Beach		CALLER REPORTS THAT THERE ARE 2 PEOPLE HAVING SEX ON THE BEACH AT THIS LOCATION. 1 X MALE AND 1 X FEMALE ARE BOTTOMLESS AND ENGAGED IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY. THIS IS TAKEN PLACE 150 METER PAST THE LIFEGUARD STATION JUST OFF THE SAND DUNES.	unknown	no current outcome	no
2014	16-Sep-14	Public/open place	Park/garden		CALLER REPORTS THAT HE NOTICED THAT THERE WAS A GROUP OF MALES THAT WHERE CONDUCTING SEXUAL ACTS ON EACH OTHER OUT IN PUBLIC IN FRONT OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND ELDERLY COUPLES.	unknown	no current outcome	no
2014	24-Sep-14	Public/open place	Park/garden		TWO MALES ENGAGING IN ORAL SEX IN PARK. NOTEBOOK INTERVIEWS CARRIED OUT, ADMISSIONS MADE, NO PREVIOUS OFFENDING HISTORY AND BOTH MALES RELEASED PENDING REPORT.	40,57	caution	no

2014	22-Oct-14	Public building	Public toilet		CALLER REPORTING 5MINS AGO 4 MALES IN THE PUBLIC TOILETS. 2 HAVING ORAL SEX, ONE MASTURBATING AND ANOTHER ONE WATCHING.	unknown	no current outcome	no