



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00877

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sex Offences in Care, Residential and Nursing Homes

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown - e.g. rape, sexual assault) were recorded as crimes that were reported to have happened at residential, care homes and nursing homes in your force area in 2015?

Question 2

How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault) were recorded as crimes that were reported to have happened at residential, care homes and nursing homes in your force area in 2014?

Question 3

How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault) were recorded as crimes that were reported to have happened at residential, care homes and nursing homes in your force area in 2013?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Please find included below a table showing the number of sexual based offences which have been reported to the PSNI for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 and where the location has been identified as a care home, nursing home, or retirement complex.

Type of Sexual Offence	1 st January – 31 st December 2013	1 st January – 31 st December 2014	1 st January – 31 st December 2015
Rape	2	2	4
Sexual Assault	17	39	24
Other Sexual Offence	2	8	3

Source: Statistics Branch

Please 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.

The response above is based on crimes which have been classified as sexual offences and have been reported to police from January 2013 to December 2015 where the location is 'Dwelling' and where the 'location_subtype' is 'Care establishment other', 'Retirement complex' or 'Nursing home'. Please note that in relation to 'Care establishment other', those establishments may not be exclusively dedicated to older people and that due to the manner in which the information is recorded on the PSNI system it is possible that these offences may have occurred outside or within the vicinity of the care/nursing home or retirement complex, e.g. in the car park etc.

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.

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