



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2016-00017

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Anti-Semitic Incidents

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of anti-Semitic incidents recorded by your force in the calendar year 2015, split by month if possible.

#### Question 2

The number of anti-Semitic crimes recorded by your force in the calendar year 2015, split by month if possible.

#### Question 3

The number of anti-Semitic incidents recorded by your force in the calendar year 2014 and any previous year that your force recorded anti-Semitic incidents separately from other types of hate incident, split by month if possible.

#### Question 4

The number of anti-Semitic crimes recorded by your force in the calendar year 2014 and any previous year that your force recorded anti-Semitic crimes separately from other types of hate crime, split by month if possible.

#### Question 5

For 1-4 above, the number of anti-Semitic crimes in each month that involved allegations of violence.

#### Question 6

For 1-4 above, the number of anti-Semitic crimes in each month that resulted in charges being brought.

Ideally, please provide a table with the following headings:

Year

Month

Number of anti-Semitic incidents reported

Number of anti-Semitic crimes recorded

Number of anti-Semitic crimes involving allegations of violence

Number of anti-Semitic crimes resulting in charges being brought

## **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.

## **Background Notes**

The data provided on page numbered 1 below should be read in conjunction with the following information.

- 1) Details on what constitutes an incident and a crime, along with hate motivation definitions is available in the [User Guide to Police Recorded Crime Statistics in Northern Ireland](#).
- 2) Anti-Semitic crimes are not specifically recorded on the crime recording system. However PSNI have been able to use work previously completed in response to similar requests where each incident/crime with a faith/religion motivation has been read through to establish whether they were anti-Semitic in nature. Based on this we have been able to provide data covering the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2015.
- 3) Year and month refer to the year and month the crime was reported.
- 4) For 'Number of anti-Semitic crimes involving allegations of violence' we have provided crimes classified under the violence against the person category.
- 5) For 'Number of anti-Semitic crimes resulting in charges being brought' we have provided crimes with a crime outcome of 'charge'.
- 6) This information 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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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

**Anti-Semitic incidents and crimes<sup>1</sup>  
2009 to 2015<sup>2</sup>**

Year <sup>3</sup>	Month <sup>3</sup>	Number of antisemitic incidents reported	Number of antisemitic crimes recorded	Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence <sup>4</sup>	Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought <sup>5</sup>
2009	Apr	1	1	0	0
	May	1	1	0	0
	Aug	1	0	0	0
	Sep	1	1	1	0
	Oct	2	2	0	0
	Nov	1	0	0	0
2010		0	0	0	0
2011	Feb	3	2	0	0
	Mar	2	1	1	0
	Apr	1	1	0	0
2012	Mar	2	2	1	0
	Jul	2	1	0	0
	Aug	3	2	1	0
	Sep	3	1	0	0
	Nov	1	1	0	0
2013	May	1	1	0	0
2014	Apr	1	0	0	0
	Jul	3	2	1	0
	Aug	1	0	0	0
	Sep	1	1	0	0
2015	Apr	1	1	1	0
	Sep	1	1	1	0
	Oct	1	1	1	0

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

<sup>1</sup>Anti-semitic crimes are not specifically recorded on the crime recording system. Incidents and crimes have been identified by reading through each incident/crime with a faith/religion motivation to establish whether they were anti-semitic in nature. Further details on what constitutes an incident and a crime, along with hate motivation definitions is available in the [User Guide to Police Recorded Crime Statistics in Northern Ireland](#).

<sup>2</sup>Covers the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2015.

<sup>3</sup>Year and Month refer to the year and month the crime was reported.

<sup>4</sup>Relates to crimes classified under the violence against the person category.

<sup>5</sup>Relates to crimes with a crime outcome of 'charge'.

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