



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2016-00042

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Arrests of Vietnamese Nationals

**Request and Answer:**

**Question 1**

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national adults (broken down by year for this and all the future questions)

**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 a table below displaying the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged 18 and over at time of arrest for the requested time period.

**Note:** The information provided in the tables below relates to those individuals arrested and processed through police custody, therefore, those arrested and street bailed or dealt with by other means e.g. discretionary disposal etc. will not be included in these figures. The information provided below is a count of custody records and not a count of persons, i.e. if one person was arrested on 3 occasions within a financial year they would appear in the figures 3 times. In addition, this information is based on data extracted from a live 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 correctly identify those records that are relevant.

Year	Number of Arrests
2013	8
2014	12
2015	3
1 January - 30 April 2016	0

**Question 2**

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national minors (under 18 at time of arrest)

**Answer**

Please find a table below displaying the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals under the age of

18 at time of arrest for the requested time period.

Year	Number of Arrests
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
1 January - 30 April 2016	0

### Question 3

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the number of arrests for offences relating to the cultivation of cannabis under Section 4(2) and Section 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- all nationalities

### Answer

Please find a table below displaying the number of arrests by nationality for offences relating to the cultivation of cannabis under Section 4(2) and Section 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Nationality	Year			
	2013	2014	2015	1 January - 30 April 2016
American Samoa	0	0	0	1
China	12	17	7	0
Czech Republic	0	0	1	0
England	2	2	4	0
France	2	0	0	0
Germany	0	1	0	0
Ireland	10	6	6	3
Lithuania	0	8	9	0
Mauritania	1	0	0	0
Moldova, Republic of	0	1	1	0
Northern Ireland	156	142	116	35
Poland	11	14	6	1
Portugal	1	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	1	0	0	0
Scotland	1	1	1	1
Slovakia	0	1	0	0
Sweden	0	0	1	0
United Kingdom	28	20	21	9
United States of America	0	0	2	0
Viet Nam	4	7	2	0
Nationality not recorded	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>50</b>

### Question 4

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese adults for Cannabis Cultivation

### Answer

Please find a table below displaying the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged 18 and over at time of arrest for the offence of Cannabis Cultivation.

Year	Number of Arrests
2013	4
2014	7
2015	2
1 January - 30 April 2016	0

### Question 5

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese minors for Cannabis Cultivation

### Answer

Please find a table below displaying the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals under the age of 18 at time of arrest for the offence of Cannabis Cultivation.

Year	Number of Arrests
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
1 January - 30 April 2016	0

### Question 6

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese adults for prostitution (under sections 51a to 56 of the 2003 Sexual Offences Act- or other definitions of charges relating to prostitution/ running a brothel

### Answer

There were no arrests of Vietnamese adults for prostitution under sections 51a to 56 of the 2003 Sexual Offences Act or other definitions of charges relating to prostitution/ running a brothel during the requested time period.

### Question 7

For each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, and first 3 months of 2016, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese minors for prostitution (under sections 51a to 56 of the 2003 Sexual Offences Act- or other definitions of charges relating to prostitution/ running a brothel

### Answer

There were no arrests of Vietnamese minors for prostitution under sections 51a to 56 of the 2003 Sexual Offences Act or other definitions of charges relating to prostitution/ running a brothel during the requested time period.

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.

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