



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-01858

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cautions 2011 - 2015

Request and Answer:

Answer

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Force:

- How many cautions, including conditional, for all crimes were issued by your force in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- How many cautions, including conditional, for all sexual offences were issued by your force in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- How many cautions, including conditional, for rape were issued by your force in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?

Question

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.

Included below is a table which provides the requested information on the total number of Cautions which were issued by the PSNI for the requested years. As requested this has been broken down further to include information on the number of Cautions issued in relation to 'all sexual offences' and 'rape'.

Offence Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
All Crimes	9611	9104	7969	6641	6068
All Sexual Offences	559	479	309	229	150
Rape	0	0	0	1	0

Please Note: The rape offences detailed above are also included as part of the total for 'All Sexual Offences'.

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