



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00856

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Racially Motivated Incidents

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to know how many incidents (that were recorded as racially motivated) were reported to you between the dates of Friday 24 June 2016 and Saturday 23 July 2016 - a one month period?

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.

There are 111 incidents with a racist motivation recorded on the crime recording system for the period 24th June 2016 to 23rd July 2016 inclusive.

Hate motivation definitions, along with what constitutes an incident and a crime are available at: https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/hate_motivation_definitions.pdf

The information has been identified based on how it has been recorded on NICHE, our Records Management System. Due to the very recent time period requested the data is highly provisional as the racist motivation may not yet have been marked on NICHE.

Please note 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 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.

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.