



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2016-02067

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Sex Offences at Sport Venues

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

In 2016 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc.) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on football grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

#### Question 2

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (ie where the child was the victim).

#### Question 3

In 2015 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc.) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on football grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

#### Question 4

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (i.e. where the child was the victim).

#### Question 5

In 2014 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc.) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on football grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

#### Question 6

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (i.e. where the child was the victim).

#### Question 7

In 2016 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc.) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on sports grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

#### Question 8

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (i.e.

where the child was the victim).

### Question 9

In 2015 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc.) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on sports grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

### Question 10

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (ie where the child was the victim).

### Question 11

In 2014 how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown – e.g. rape, sexual assault, grooming etc) were recorded as crimes (including historical) on sports grounds/premises/leisure centres/playing fields/clubs/facilities etc.?

### Question 12

In relation to these alleged offences how many were recorded to have happened against a child (i.e. where the child was the victim).

As a good will gesture if you could run the figures up until the point of the date you are statutorily due to respond to me would be helpful. This would take us into 2017.

### 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.

Included below is a table which shows the number of crimes recorded for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 where crimes of a sexual offences had an address identifier of 'Leisure/Swimming Centre', 'Sports Club/Pavilion' or 'Sports Stadium' recorded against the linked incident.

Offence Type	Total Crimes			of which victim under 18		
	2014	2015	2016 to date	2014	2015	2016 to date
Rape	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sexual assault	9	5	5	7	4	3
Exposure and voyeurism	0	1	2	0	1	2
Other sexual offences	9	7	5	3	3	2

*Source: PSNI Statistics Branch*

**Please Note:** Data from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 onwards is provisional and subject to change. This information is based on data extracted from a live system and is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

The data was extracted from the recorded crime statistics for sexual offences and records were selected where the MO of the incident against which each crime was recorded was set to 'Leisure/swimming centre', 'Sports club/pavilion' or 'Sports stadium. Note that the setting of MO to 'Leisure/swimming centre', 'Sports club/pavilion' or 'Sports stadium' may mean that the crime occurred in or within the vicinity of the described location rather than within its premises.

In addition, a number of recorded incidents will have no location subtype assigned to them and therefore it is possible that some of these records may relate to a relevant location but will not have been picked up by the query run by the PSNI Statistics Branch.

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.