



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2016-00093

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Under 18s Arrested for Rape

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

Please tell me how many under-18s were arrested for rape from 1 January 2015 up to the date this request was received. Please break the numbers down by age.

If it is not possible to say exactly how many were arrested for rape in a certain age bracket - due to privacy reasons or otherwise - then please just tell me the age of the youngest person arrested.

#### 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.

Between the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 46 arrests<sup>1</sup> were made for the offence of rape<sup>2</sup> where the arrested person was aged under 18 at the time of the arrest. Please see table below where this has been broken down by age at time of arrest.

Age	Number
11	2
12	2
13	3
14	2
15	4
16	10
17	23

1 Arrested and processed through police custody, therefore, those arrested and street bailed or dealt

with by other means e.g. discretionary disposal, pnd etc. will not be included in the figures.

2 Includes attempted and substantive offences.

The information provided is a count of the custody records and not a count of persons.

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](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.