



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-01709

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Child Abduction

Request and Answer:

Question 1

From 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, how many crimes* of child abduction by a parent (Home Office classification^ 13/1) were recorded in Police Service of Northern Ireland? *I'm looking for information on crimes recorded rather than 'incidents'. ^Home Office classification number refers to the Counting Rules: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/299318/count-violence-april-2014.pdf

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates.

Please see table below showing the number of offences of child abduction by parent recorded between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017.

Child abduction (by parent)	4
<i>Of which attempted</i>	0

Question 2

From 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, how many crimes* of child abduction by other persons (Home Office classification^ 13/2) were recorded in Police Service of Northern Ireland?

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of offences of child abduction by other recorded between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017.

Child abduction (by other)	25
<i>Of which attempted</i>	16

Question 3

From 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, how many crimes* of kidnapping (Home Office classification^ 36) – when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence – were recorded in Police Service of Northern Ireland?

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of offences of kidnapping recorded between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017 where the victim was under 18 at the time of the offence.

Kidnapping	9
<i>Of which attempted</i>	2

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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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