



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-01599

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Possession of Child Pornography

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Between 2014 and 2015, how many Convictions were there for Possession of Child Pornography?

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.

Between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2015 there were 453 convictions for Possession of a Prohibited Image of a Child and Possessing an Indecent Photograph or Pseudo-Photograph of a Child. These 453 convictions relate to 59 individuals.

Question 2

Of those Convicted, how many had previously been Convicted of Crime(s) against a Child or Children Under 16?

Answer

Of the 59 individuals convicted, 2 had previous convictions for a crime against a child. Please note that any convictions passed down on the same day as the conviction(s) from question 1 would not be included in this answer.

Question 3

Of those Convicted of Possession of Online Child Pornography, how many were later Convicted of Crime(s) against a Child or Children Under 16?

Answer

Of the 59 individuals convicted, 3 have subsequent convictions for a crime against a child.

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