



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-01322

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Rape Offences in 2016

**Request and Answer:**

**Question 1**

Please provide the number of rape offence crime reports in 2016 broken down by district

**Question 2**

Please provide the number of rape offence crime reports resulting in a charge in 2016 broken down by district

**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.

Please find a table included below which contains the requested information on the number of crimes of rape recorded in the 2016 calendar year and those crimes to which a charge outcome down broken down by policing district.

| Policing Districts                 | Number of recorded crimes of rape in calendar year 2016 | Recorded crimes of rape in calendar year 2016 to which a charge outcome was since applied |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Belfast City                       | 239   | 8   |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh City         | 49  | 1   |
| Ards & North Down                  | 65  | 4   |
| Newry, Mourne & Down               | 56  | 0   |
| Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon | 78  | 5   |
| Mid Ulster                         | 38  | 1   |
| Fermanagh & Omagh                  | 48  | 3   |
| Derry City & Strabane              | 92  | 2   |

|                        |    |   |
|------------------------|----|---|
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 59 | 2 |
| Mid & East Antrim      | 50 | 3 |
| Antrim & Newtownabbey  | 55 | 1 |

*Source: PSNI Statistics Branch*

**Note:** The information has been extracted from the recorded crime data series where the offence was Rape and reported to police from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. This includes offences of Attempted Rape. Please note that the date the offence was reported may not be the same date as when the offence occurred.

The outcome data relates directly to those crimes presented in the first column of the table. It was extracted on 1 June 2017 and is correct as of that date. Note that due to the recent time period requested, ongoing investigations may result in further outcomes being recorded in the future.

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.