



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00767

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Tool Thefts from Vans

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state the number of incidents of tool thefts from vans that were reported to your force between April 1st 2016 and the date of this request (14th March 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.

The PSNI Statistics branch has confirmed that between the 1st April 2016 and 14th March 2017, a total of 123 crimes were recorded which related to the theft of tools from vans.

Note: These figures, and those provided below, are based on the number of crimes recorded within crime classification 'Theft from a vehicle', where the linked vehicle was of vehicle type 'van' and where the property was classified as stolen and included property with a description of 'Machinery or tools'.

Question 2

Please state the number of incidents of tool thefts from vans that were reported to your force between April 1st 2015 and March 31st 2016.

Answer

The PSNI Statistics branch has confirmed that between the 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016, a total of 76 crimes were recorded which related to the theft of tools from vans.

Question 3

Please state the number of incidents of tool thefts from vans that were reported to your force between April 1st 2014 and March 31st 2015.

Answer

The PSNI Statistics branch has confirmed that between the 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015, a total of 83 crimes were recorded which related to the theft of tools from vans.

Question 4

Please provide outcomes for the cases in 1) – how many of the reports have led to a court case or conviction?

Answer

An analysis of the identified incidents has confirmed that from those reported to the PSNI between the 1st April 2016 and 14th March 2017, one has been reported for prosecution and another has been transferred to court. However please be aware that these figures are provisional in nature and may be subject to change if the police investigations are ongoing or the case has not progressed to court.

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.

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