



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00252

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime Reports involving Facebook and Twitter

Request and Answer:

Question

Similar to an FOI request F-2012-1381 regarding the number of times Facebook and/or Twitter have been mentioned in crime reports, could you update these statistics to the most recent period to include 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 where again Facebook or Twitter have been mentioned on Niche?

Clarification Requested

Do you require calendar years rather than the financial years provided in the previous request?

Clarification Received

Regarding the request for clarification could you make this financial years like the original request please?

Answer

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

Please see table below showing the total number of incidents where "Facebook" or "Twitter" was mentioned as part of the investigation, i.e. in the incident investigation log.

Financial Year	Facebook	Twitter
2011/12	1896	56
2012/13	3428	186
2013/14	5566	479
2014/15	8238	849
2015/16	11257	1244

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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