



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00011

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Linked to Dating Apps Tinder and Grindr

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Last year from January 1st, 2016 until December 31st 2016, how many crimes were linked to dating APPS Tinder and Grindr?

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.

Four crimes were recorded between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2016 where the term 'Grindr' or 'Tinder' were present in the call for service of the incident against which the crime was recorded.

Please Note: There may be additional crimes relating to 'Tinder' or 'Grindr' that have not been identified as the text does not appear in the call for service but may appear elsewhere in the incident record. This information is based on data extracted from a live 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.

Question 2

How many victims were involved?

Answer

There were four victims; three were person victims, one was an offence against the State and public order.

Question 3

Please state age of youngest, sex, and type of crime person was victim of, and the same for the age of oldest?

Answer

Youngest victim: 24 year old male (Harassment).
Oldest victim: 37 year old female (Rape).

Question 4

How many were sexual offences?

Answer

0

Question 5

Please state how many were rape?

Answer

1

Question 6

Please state how many were attempted rape?

Answer

0

Question 7

Please state how many were sexual assault?

Answer

0

Question 8

Please list other serious offences and numbers of them, such as murder, attempted murder, GBH, assault.

Answer

Other offences recorded were Harassment, Harassment, other offences against the State and public order.

Question 9

From January 1st, 2015 until December 31st 2015, how many crimes were linked to dating APPS Tinder and Grindr?

Answer

One crime was recorded between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015 where the term 'Grindr' or 'Tinder' were present in the call for service of the incident against which the crime was recorded.

Question 10

How many victims were involved?

Answer

There was one person victim.

Question 11

Please state age of youngest, sex, and type of crime person was victim of, and the same for the age of oldest?

Answer

Youngest and oldest: 16 year old female (Blackmail).

Question 12

How many were sexual offences?

Answer

0

Question 13

Please state how many were rape?

Answer

0

Question 14

Please state how many were attempted rape?

Answer

0

Question 15

Please state how many were sexual assault?

Answer

0

Question 16

Please list other serious offences and numbers of them, such as murder, attempted murder, GBH, assault.

Answer

Blackmail.

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