



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-00009

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Domestic Violence

**Request and Answer:**

**Question 1**

Over the Christmas Period December 15th 2016 up and including January 1st 2017, how many domestic violence related incidents did police attend?

**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 incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the police that were reported between 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 along with a breakdown of the specific dates requested.

Date <sup>1</sup>	Incidents recorded
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017 (inclusive)	1,651
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	100
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	95
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	102
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	139

**Source:** PSNI Statistics Branch

<sup>1</sup>Please note that the date refers to the date police were made aware of the incident.

The domestic abuse definition is available at [https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/domestic\\_abuse\\_definition.pdf](https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/domestic_abuse_definition.pdf)

The identification of a domestic abuse motivation is derived from a motivation 'tick box' on the system used by PSNI to record crime. The motivation is identified and completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported incident or crime. The correct application of a domestic abuse motivation for all such incidents/crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Statistics Branch,

but audits and data quality checks are routinely conducted in an attempt to ensure that any under or over-recording is corrected.

**Question 2**

Nature of most serious injuries to victims and please say if man or woman.

**Answer**

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 there were a total of 8 domestic violence related incidents where the injury level was recorded as 'Serious' and this relates to 6 females and 2 males.

**Question 3**

On Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, how many domestic related incidents did police attend?

**Answer**

See answer to Question 1 above.

**Question 4**

Nature of most serious injuries to victims and please say if man or woman?

**Answer**

No domestic violence related incidents where the injury level was recorded as 'Serious' were reported to the PSNI on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Question 5**

On Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, how many domestic related incidents did police attend?

**Answer**

See answer to Question 1 above.

**Question 6**

Nature of most serious injuries to victims and please say if man or woman?

**Answer**

No domestic violence related incidents where the injury level was recorded as 'Serious' were reported to the PSNI on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Question 7**

On New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>, how many domestic related incidents did police attend?

**Answer**

See answer to Question 1 above.

**Question 8**

Nature of most serious injuries to victims and please say if man or woman?

**Answer**

There were a total of 2 domestic violence related incidents, reported to the PSNI, where the injury level was recorded as 'Serious' on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and this relates to 2 females.

**Question 9**

On New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 how many domestic related incidents did police attend?

**Answer**

See answer to Question 1 above.

**Question 10**

Nature of most serious injuries to victims and please say if man or woman?

**Answer**

There was 1 domestic violence related incident, reported to the PSNI, where the injury level was recorded as 'Serious' on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and this relates to 1 male.

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.