



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00612

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests of Vietnamese Nationals

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national adults (broken down by year for this and all the future questions)

Answer

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

Please see table below showing the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged 18 and over for 2014, 2015, 2016 and up to 28th February 2017.

YEAR	NUMBER
2014	12
2015	3
2016	1
1st Jan – 28 th Feb 2017	0

Question 2

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national minors (under 18 at time of arrest).

Answer

There were no arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged under 18 in 2014, 2015, 2016 or up to 28th February 2017.

Question 3

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the number of arrests for offences relating to the cultivation of cannabis under Section 4(2) and Section 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- all nationalities.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of arrests for Cannabis Cultivation in 2014, 2015, 2016 and up to 28th February 2017.

YEAR	NUMBER
2014	221
2015	177
2016	137
1st Jan – 28 th Feb 2017	21

Question 4

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese adults for Cannabis Cultivation.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged 18 and over for Cannabis Cultivation in 2014, 2015, 2016 and up to 28th February 2017.

YEAR	NUMBER
2014	7
2015	2
2016	0
1st Jan – 28 th Feb 2017	0

Question 5

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese minors for Cannabis Cultivation.

Answer

There were no arrests of Vietnamese nationals aged under 18 for Cannabis Cultivation in 2014, 2015, 2016 or up to 28th February 2017.

Question 6

For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the number of people arrested for human trafficking crimes, both a. Vietnamese b. All nationalities.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of all nationalities arrested for human trafficking in 2014, 2015, 2016 and up to 28th February 2017.

YEAR	NUMBER
2014	11
2015	16
2016	13
1st Jan – 28 th Feb 2017	1

There were no arrests of Vietnamese nationals for human trafficking during this period.

These figures include those arrested and processed through police custody, therefore, those arrested and street bailed or dealt with by other means e.g. discretionary disposal, pnd etc. will not be included in the figures. The information provided is a count of custody records and not a count of persons, i.e. if one person is arrested on 3 occasions within a financial year they would appear in the figures 3 times.

Please note, this information is based on data extracted from a live 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.

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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