



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00111

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Missing Persons

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I had previously submitted the same request but am trying to get an update on figures for this year past (2016). The reference for the other FOI request was F-2016-00819 if that is of any help.

How many people have been reported as missing to the PSNI since 1 Jan 2013 to present day? (Or as close to present day as possible).

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.

A total of 43,353 people have been reported as missing to the PSNI since 1 Jan 2013 to the present day. This information is inclusive from the 1st January 2013 to the 23rd January 2017.

Question 2

Could I get a year-by-year breakdown of those figures?

Answer

The requested year-by-year breakdown of these figures is included in the table shown below.

Year	Reported Missing
2013	8,434
2014	10,788
2015	11,654
2016	11,758
2017	719

Question 3

How many of those same people have been found?

Answer

43,303 of those persons reported as missing have been found.

Question 4

How many people that were found were alive?

Answer

43,216.

Question 5

How many people that were found were dead?

Answer

87.

Question 6

If possible, could I get a breakdown of the areas where these people were reported missing?

Answer

The requested breakdown of those areas where persons were reported missing is included in the table shown below.

Occurrence District	Occurrence Count
A	11,995
B	3,110
C	4,002
D	2,663
E	3,531
F	1,158
G	1,858
H	4,414
J	2,102
K	1,794
L	2,315
Other	4,361

Question 7

If possible, could I get a year by year breakdown of both people reported missing and people recorded as found?

Answer

The requested year-by-year breakdown of these figures is included in the table shown below.

Year	Occurrence Count – Found	Occurrence Count – Not Found
2013	8,429	5
2014	10,781	7
2015	11,638	16
2016	11,744	14
2017	709	10

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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