



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-02131

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Accompanying Detainees to Hospital

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I have been provided with figures to this effect in relation to Strand Road in Derry.

Would it be possible to get figures for the amount of times police have had to accompany offenders, when they are hospitalised for whatever reason, following arrest for police stations throughout Northern Ireland in the past year?

#### 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.

There were 1003 occasions where detained persons who have had custody records started have then been taken to hospital, these figures run from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. Please note that these figures do not include occasions where persons arrested were taken to hospital and then not taken into custody.

#### Question 2

Or if that exceeds my cost limit, could it just be narrowed down to Belfast custody suites.

#### Answer

There were 495 occasions where detained persons were taken from the only custody suite in Belfast (Musgrave).

#### Question 3

And if possible, the amount of unique individuals who would be processed through custody, broken down into each police station.

#### Answer

Please find the amount of unique individuals processed through each PSNI custody suite during this period :

Antrim - 1665  
Armagh - 540

Banbridge - 1797  
Coleraine - 1221  
Dungannon - 1010  
Enniskillen - 736  
Lurgan - 2 (closed for maintenance)  
Musgrave - 7260  
Omagh - 731  
Strand Road - 1564  
Bangor - 2 (mothballed station)  
Strabane - 1 (mothballed station)

#### **Question 4**

Also, can I be provided with the average hourly wage for a police officer who has been in the job for more than two years?

#### **Answer**

The PSNI Human Resources department do not hold this information as PSNI do not pay officers by the hour but rather an annual salary. Please note that this salary would vary depending on the rank of officer.

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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