



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00844

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Hate Crimes

Request and 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.

Request 1

How many hate crimes have been recorded from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.

Answer

Hate crimes recorded and the number of crimes with a racist motivation – this information is published on the PSNI website, <https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/>

Detailed trend figures are available in the annual trends bulletin, period ending 2016/17 and the latest figures for 2017/18 are available in the quarterly update period ending 31 March 2018

Request 2

How many of the above hate crimes pertained to race or ethnicity from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.

Answer

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Detailed trend figures are available in the annual trends bulletin, period ending 2016/17 and the latest figures for 2017/18 are available in the quarterly update period ending 31 March 2018

Request 3

How many of the hate crimes pertaining to race or ethnicity were reported by 18-25 year olds from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.

Answer

Hate crimes where the victim is age 18-25 – this information is published to 2016/17 in the annual trends summary tables spreadsheet for racist motivations (table 2.8), see link above. Figures for 2017/18 will be published in the annual trends bulletin due for publication 28th September 2018.

Request 4

How many of the hate crimes pertaining to race or ethnicity were reported as happening within a higher education facility i.e. university or college from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.

Answer

A search of crimes with a racist motivation where the location MO was 'Education – College' identified 3 records, 2 in 2013 and 1 in 2015. There were no records identified where the location MO was 'Education – University'

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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