



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02052

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Murder & Manslaughter Investigations 22.08.2017 - 22.08.2018

### 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. Please note the PSNI Central Statistics Unit cannot identify incidents initially investigated as a potential murder or manslaughter which did not go on to be recorded as murder/manslaughter. Statistics unit can only provide the number of murder/manslaughter offences recorded. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Request 1

Date Range 22nd August 2017 and 22nd August 2018

Between the above 2 dates how many homicides (Murder & Manslaughter) offences have been investigated by your force?

### Answer

PSNI Crime Operations department has stated that they were **deployed** to 24 Murder and Manslaughter offences between the dates of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

### Request 2

How many of the total number of investigations have led to a person being charged with an offence of Murder and/or Manslaughter?

### Answer

There were 24 homicides recorded and from these 17 have resulted in one or more persons being charged to date. There have been 21 persons charged in total. The number of persons charged may change if there are ongoing investigations.

### Request 3

How many of the number in request 2 have been in the following age brackets;  
(10 to 15yrs) (16-19yrs) (20-25yrs) (26yrs+)

### Answer

Age	Number of persons charged
10-15	0
16-19	5

20-25	5
26+	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

#### Request 4

How many of the total number of investigations in request 1 remain unsolved? For the purpose of this FOI unsolved is taken to mean no arrests have been made and no person has currently been released "under investigation".

#### Answer

PSNI Crime Operations Department has stated that arrests have been made in connection with every investigation that occurred during the relevant period 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018. We do not use terminology regarding a person being "released under investigation".

#### Request 5

What was the ethnicity sex and age of the victim?

#### Answer

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of victims</b>
White	17
Mixed	2
Missing	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Number of victims</b>
Female	7
Male	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of victims</b>
1	1
3	1
10	1
16	1
19	2
23	1
24	1
28	1
29	1
30	1
33	1
35	1
37	1
43	1
45	2
50	1
51	1
53	2
56	2
64	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

#### Request 6

What was the ethnicity and sex of the person charged?

**Answer**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of persons charged</b>
White	10
Missing	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Number of persons charged</b>
Female	1
Male	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

This information has been provided by PSNI Central Statistics Unit and PSNI Crime Operations Department.

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).

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