



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-O1822

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Acid Attacks January 2018 - July 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 not hold information to which your request relates.

Request

Under freedom of information legislation, I am seeking the following information on acid attacks, also known as applying a corrosive substance, for each calendar month from January 2018 to July 2018:

- The number of acid attacks recorded.
- The number of acid attacks which resulted in an arrest.
- The number of acid attacks which result in a charge.
- The number of attacks where the alleged perpetrator was male.
- The number of attacks where the alleged perpetrator was female.
- The age of the youngest alleged victim of an acid attack.
- The age of the oldest alleged victim of an acid attack.

Answer

Searches were conducted on PSNI systems looking for Crimes recorded between January 2018 and July 2018 where the weapon MO includes 'noxious substance/acid'. These searches did not identify any records for the period January to July.

Please note: The information above is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.

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.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.