



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2018-01638

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Burglary

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

How many reports of burglary (all types) were made to the PSNI between January 1st 2018 and June 30th 2018?

#### Request 2

And how many reports specifically of aggravated burglary were made between January 1st 2018 and 30th June 2018?

#### Request 3

How many reports of burglaries have been solved for the above period of time?

### 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 currently hold information to which your request relates.

The information requested in 1, 2 will form part of future publication which is intended to be published by PSNI before the end of 2019. In the interim, the information for 2017 will be published before the end of year.

In addition to the above, the information requested in 3 will form part of our outcomes report and is also intended to form part of a future publication which is due to be published within the next 12 months. The outcomes report covers a 2 year period and we have been advised by the business area that the outcomes report for 2016/2017 will be published by the end of November next.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption/s, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

Section 22 – Information intended for future publication.

The full text of exemptions can be found at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) and further guidance on how they operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Under Section 22 (1) of the Act the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is not obliged to disclose information that is held with a view to its publication at some future date.

The information you requested is intended to be published on the PSNI website before the end of 2019.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption so therefore the PSNI is obliged to carry out a Public Interest Test.

### **Public Interest Test**

#### Factors Favouring Release

Disclosure would demonstrate PSNI's openness and transparency.

#### Factors Favouring Retention

The spending of additional funds in order to facilitate this FOI request would not be in the public interest as this information is due to be released in the near future.

### **Decision**

There needs to be a real and valid reason which identifies a tangible benefit to the public from disclosure of information. As the information is intended to be published at a future date, this year, it is reasonable to exempt it as publication is imminent.

If you have any queries regarding your request please write or contact the Freedom of Information Team on 028 9070 0164. Please remember to quote the reference number listed above in any future communications with the Freedom of Information Team.

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).

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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