



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02249

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cocaine Supply and Intent to Supply

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I seek the following information from your force: The number of people broken down into the discrete age categories 10-17 inclusive that you have arrested under code 92/70 since January 1 2018?

Answer

The requested offence codes 92/70 (Possession with intent to supply cocaine) is used within England and Wales, however PSNI does not hold these specific offence codes on their systems. Therefore the PSNI offence codes relating to Class A drugs were used to extract arrest records from the 1st January 2018, where the persons were between the ages of 10-17 at the time of arrest. The equivalent PSNI offence codes are SB4801018 (Possession of a class A controlled drug with intent to supply) and AT4801018 (Attempted possession of Class A controlled drug with intent to supply). A manual search was then conducted to identify whether there was an associated cocaine seizure. However it should be noted that in a given drug seizure incident in which several Class A controlled drugs have been seized, it is not possible to link specific Class A drug offences to a specifically-seized drug.

Please see below table showing persons aged 10-17 arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, where there was a cocaine seizure associated with the arrest.

Age of person at time of arrest	No. of people arrested
10	0
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	0
16	1
17	12

Request 2

The number of people broken down into the discrete age categories 10-17 inclusive that you have cautioned under code 92/70 since January 1 2018?

Answer

Using the PSNI equivalent offences checked which are SB4801018 (Possession of a class A controlled drug with intent to supply) and AT4801018 (Attempted possession of Class A controlled drug with intent to supply). No people between the age categories of 10-17 inclusive were cautioned for the above offences since January 1 2018.

Request 3

The number of people broken down into the discrete age categories 10-17 inclusive that you have arrested under code 92/30 since January 1 2018?

Answer

The requested offence codes 92/30 (Supply of cocaine) is used within England and Wales, however PSNI does not hold these specific offence codes on their systems. Therefore the PSNI offence codes relating to Class A drugs were used to extract arrest records from the 1st January 2018, where the persons were between the ages of 10-17 at the time of arrest. The equivalent PSNI offence code is SB4801049 (Being concerned in the supply of a Class A controlled drug). A manual search was then conducted to identify whether there was an associated cocaine seizure. However it should be noted that in a given drug seizure incident in which several Class A controlled drugs have been seized, it is not possible to link specific Class A drug offences to a specifically-seized drug.

Please see below table showing persons aged 10-17 arrested for supply of Class A drugs, where there was a cocaine seizure associated with the arrest.

Age of person at time of arrest	No. of people arrested
10	0
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	0
16	1
17	1

Data extracted on 15th January 2019.

Request 4

The number of people broken down into the discrete age categories 10-17 inclusive that you have cautioned under code 92/30 since January 1 2018?

Answer

Using the PSNI equivalent offence checked which is SB4801048 (Being concerned in the supply of a Class A controlled drug). No people between the age categories 10-17 inclusive were cautioned for the above offence since January 1 2018.

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.