



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00317

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Corrosive Fluid Offences

### 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

I would like to request the number of offences where the feature code 'CB – Noxious or corrosive fluid used e.g. acid thrown' is recorded on the crime log between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017 inclusive, broken down by month where possible; and

#### Request 2

The percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person' also broken down by month; and

#### Request 3

Where available the percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were flagged as Hate Crimes also broken down by month; and

#### Request 4

The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and

#### Request 5

The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects in the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and

#### Request 6

The outcomes of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and

#### Request 7

Of the said positive outcomes mentioned in 6. the ethnicity, age and gender of suspects broken down by month.

### Answers

A search of the weapon MO table from NICHE did not identify any records for 2017 where the 'MO-

weapons – subtype’ is ‘noxious substance/acid’.

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.

Please note that if similar words are entered elsewhere within the crime record but not within the ‘MO- weapons – subtype’ then it **will not** have been identified through the search criteria.

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).

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.