



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-03080

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crime Reports under the Sexual Offences Act 2003

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. How many criminal reports were made in the last five years (2018\*, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014) under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 set out below? \*up to the latest date you have recordings for\*

Please break this down by year and say which section was invoked.

Section 47 – Paying for sexual services of a child

Section 48 – Causing or inciting sexual exploitation of a child

Section 49 – Controlling a child in relation to sexual exploitation

Section 50 – Arranging or facilitating sexual exploitation of a child

Section 51A – Soliciting

Section 52 – Causing or inciting prostitution for gain

Section 53 – Controlling prostitution for gain

Section 53A – Paying for sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force etc.

#### Request 2

How many of these reports resulted in cautions and charges? Please break this down by year.

#### Request 3

How many reports have been made within your service area in the last five years (2018\*,2017,2016,2015,2014) in respect of the offence of keeping a brothel used for prostitution under section 33A of the Sexual Offences Act 1956? Please break this down by year.

I require this information in cvs format.

#### Answer

Initial enquiries in relation to your requests failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Central Statistics Unit, PSNI has confirmed the information you are seeking under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 relates to England and Wales legislation and not applicable to Northern Ireland. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

To assist your request, I can advise you that PSNI publish police recorded crime figures on a financial year basis and these can be found in the Annual trends in police recorded crime publication. This information can be accessed via the link provided below:

[https://www.psnipolice.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/documents/police\\_recorded\\_crime\\_in\\_northern\\_ireland\\_1998-99\\_to\\_2017-18.xls](https://www.psnipolice.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/documents/police_recorded_crime_in_northern_ireland_1998-99_to_2017-18.xls)

Police recorded crime figures are provided in Table 2.2 in the summary spreadsheet: for the offences requested relating to children these are recorded under Sexual offences – 71 Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography, for the offences relating to brothel keeping and controlling prostitution they are recorded under – Miscellaneous Crimes against society -24 Exploitation of Prostitution and paying for sexual services is under 27 Soliciting for the purpose of prostitution. The recorded crime outcomes (including charge/summons, caution, community resolution) can be located in table 8.2 in the spreadsheet.

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.

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

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