



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02447

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime Statistics - Central Ward Area - South Belfast

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please supply me with statistics relating to crime in the Central Ward area of South Belfast between 16th Sept 2018 and today (3rd Oct). Specifically I would like to know the following, the number of cautions, community resolution notices, and penalty notices issued.

Answer

The requested data is not recorded centrally and has been retrieved by separate business areas within PSNI. The data provided is applicable between 16th September 2018 and 3rd October 2018, in Central Ward area of South Belfast. **Please note:** the data provided is dynamic and subject to change. It is current on the date it was retrieved.

Cautions - 1 incident resulted in a Caution.

Community Resolution Notices - 35 offences were disposed of by Community Resolution.

Penalty Notices - number of PNDs issued is 14.

Request 2

The number of assaults reported.

Answer

Between 16th September and 3rd October 2018 in Central Ward, there have been 118 assault offences recorded by police (including assaults with and without injury). **Please note:** that this is a provisional figure and may be subject to change. Not all reports or calls made to police that may initially suggest anti-social behaviour, crime or assault will result in an anti-social behaviour incident or crime being recorded.

Request 3

The number of arrests made.

Answer

There are 130 custody records where a person has been arrested and processed through police custody, this will not include persons arrested and street bailed or those dealt with by other means e.g. community resolution, penalty notice of disorder etc. Custody information may be incomplete if the ward details have not been input into the address. These records have been identified where 'Central' ward has been input into the arrest address. **Please note:** There may be custody records relating to 'Central' ward that have not been identified as the ward details are missing.

Request 4

The number of calls made to the PSNI regarding antisocial behaviour and crimes in the area during the same period. If you are unable to provide me with all of the information then please provide as much as is practicable.

Answer

Based on incident codes for anti-social behaviour and a crime indicator there were 17 incidents recorded.

Please note: These are provisional figures and may be subject to change.

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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