



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01289

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crimes From 2014 - 2018

### 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

The number of crimes that have been screened 'out' for further investigation or 'filed' shortly after it was reported to the police. These are cases which do not qualify for investigation after an initial screening process. Please provide this information for the calendar years 2014-17, and to date (May 25th) for 2018. Please break this information down into individual offence as per the Count Offence Classification Index.

#### Clarification sent to you the requester:

The Record Owner has requested the following clarification: 'Filed shortly after' does not provide an indication as to the timeframe of 'shortly after'. Can you confirm do you mean a week? Month? 3 months?

Can you please confirm the timeframe after the report?

#### Clarification received from you the requester:

Thanks for coming back to me. I mean crime which is filed within 24 hours of being reported, without having been detected, and which is not subject to a 'full' investigation, i.e. officers have not been dispatched to look into the incident.

#### Answer

Please find the on the separate spreadsheet the data which was extracted for all occurrences which had their status changed to 'Supervisor' ('Supv Resulted) - Filed Pending Further Evidence/ No Further police Action (NFPA) within 24 hours of the reported time.

#### Request 2

Please can you provide me with the number of crimes reported to your force for the calendar years 2014-17 and to date (May 25th) for 2018. Please break this information down into individual offence as per the Count Offence Classification Index.

#### Answer

PSNI publish recorded crime data, and for your convenience I have provided below the link to the website :

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>:

Each financial year to 2017/18 can be found in Table 7 of the latest financial year update, period ending 31 March 2018 and which provides totals for detailed crime classifications.

As the Home Office classifications are based on England & Wales offences and legislation, there may be some slight differences within the Northern Ireland context where legislation differs.

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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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