



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02364

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crimes Linked To Anti-Semitism and Islamaphobia From 2010

### 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

How many reports of crimes, abuse, physical, verbal or otherwise, can be linked to anti-Semitism or quote anti-Semitism as a factor, in each calendar year since 2010?

#### Request 2

How many reports of crimes, abuse, physical, verbal or otherwise, can be linked to Islamaphobia or quote Islamaphobia as a factor, in each calendar year since 2010?

#### Answers 1 and 2

Please find provided in the table below crimes recorded by PSNI from '1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, with an anti-semitic or islamaphobic motivation.

However it should be noted in conjunction with the data provided that these crimes have only been identified by PSNI's Statistics Branch by manually reading through all crimes with a faith / religious motivation and therefore there **may be** additional anti-semitic/islamaphobic crimes recorded on the NICHE computer system. While crimes included within the police recorded crime statistics for Northern Ireland are individually checked for compliance with the Home Office Counting Rules by the PSNI's Statistics Branch, the identification of a hate motivation is derived from a motivation 'tick box' on the system used by PSNI to record crime. The motivation is identified and completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported incident or crime. The correct application of a hate motivation for all such incidents/crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Statistics Branch, but audits and data quality checks are routinely conducted in an attempt to ensure that any under or over-recording is corrected.

Year	Anti-Semitic	Islamaphobic
2010	0	4
2011	6	3
2012	12	4
2013	3	20
2014	11	34
2015	5	34
2016	12	38
2017	20	64
2018	3	29

### Request 3

How many reports of crimes, abuse, physical, verbal or otherwise, can be linked to racism or quote racism as a factor, in each calendar year since 2010?

### Answer

Figures for crimes with a racist motivation are available in our hate motivation annual trends bulletin and accompanying spreadsheet which can be found on our PSNI website using the following link:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/>

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.