



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02193

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Logged Re Tinder or Grindr

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

The number of crimes logged in the last 5 years which include the words Tinder or Grindr. Could these figures be broken down by year, with the type of crimes they are linked to also listed.

Answer

Crimes containing key words 'Tinder' or 'Grindr' that occurred between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Theft offences	0	0	1	0	2	1
Violence against the person/Sexual Offences	0	1	0	3	3	3
Public order offences	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	1	4	5	4

There were 15 crimes identified based on the search criteria:

- Report date 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2018
- Where the text 'Tinder' or 'Grindr' has been included in the call for service. Attempts have been made to exclude cases where the text 'tinder' appears as part of an address eg 'Tattinderry'
- Multiple crimes may have resulted from the same incident

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live 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.

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