



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01919

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crimes On Halloween 31 October 2017

### 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

I would like to know the number of crimes (e.g. - burglary, shop thefts, violence, Anti-Social Behaviour) made by your force on 31st October 2017, Halloween. Broken down by each area you cover please.

#### Request 2

The statistics from the last five years (2012-2017) of the number of arrests that have been made on October 31

#### Answers 1 and 2

Please find the information requested in the separate spreadsheets.

In conjunction with the data please note the following:

In tables 1 and 2 (on the separate spreadsheet) the data was extracted where date of report to police was 31 October 2017.

Anti-social behaviour is at incident-level only and, therefore, is not included in the crime figures. As such, a separate table (table 2) has been provided containing these figures.

In table 3 (on the separate) arrest figures have been identified by a count of the number of custody records on 31 October for each year, based on the booking in date. The data has been extracted where a person has been arrested and processed in 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. will not be included in the figures.

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.