



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-03003

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Domestic Violence in SA2011 Regions between 2005 - 2017

### Request and Answer:

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Request

Domestic violence data for the whole of Northern Ireland broken down into SA2011 regions between the years 2005 – 2017 inclusively, in an spreadsheet format, similar to the following datasets:-

[www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/ViewDataSet.aspx?ds=8989&lh=76&yn=2004-2017&sk=131&sn=Crime%20and%20Justice&yearfilter=](http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/ViewDataSet.aspx?ds=8989&lh=76&yn=2004-2017&sk=131&sn=Crime%20and%20Justice&yearfilter=)

This is part of my dissertation in Geographic Information Systems MSc from the University of Ulster.

### Clarification:

SA2011 regions are defined as the following:-

Small Areas (SAs) have been introduced in Northern Ireland after the 2011 Census. Small Areas are generally created by amalgamating 2001 Census Output Areas which were built from clusters of adjacent postcodes. Small Areas nest within the 890 Super Output Areas and the 582 Electoral Wards in Northern Ireland. There are 4,537 SAs in Northern Ireland.

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/support/geography/northern-ireland-small-areas>

### Answer

The record owner within the PSNI Central Statistics Branch has advised the PSNI do not hold the requested information in the format requested. However the PSNI Public Protection Branch have provided a link to published domestic violence stats which can be access via the PSNI website.

<http://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/domestic-abuse-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.