



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00353

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Extreme Pornographic Images

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold some information to which your request relates.

### Request 1

How many incidents of possession of extreme pornographic images (as per Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008) were recorded in your force between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2017? Please break down by year and provision as follows: (1) An act which threatens a person's life s63(7)(a) (2) An act which results, or is likely to result, in serious injury to a person's anus, breasts or genitals s63(7)(b) (3) An act which involves sexual interference with a human corpse s63(7)(c) (4) A person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (whether dead or alive) s63(7)(d) (5) An act which involves the non-consensual penetration of a person's vagina, anus or mouth by another with the other person's penis, or an act which involves the non-consensual sexual penetration of a person's vagina or anus by another with a part of the other person's body or anything else 63(7)(A) as amended by Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015.

### Answer

Please see below the number of offences of Possession of an Extreme Pornographic Image recorded between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2017 broken down by financial year.

2015/16 - 4  
2016/17 - 9

No further information is recorded regarding the nature of the image.

### Request 2

How many of these incidents led to a charge? Please break down by year and provision as above.

### Answer

Please see below the number of offences of Possession of an Extreme Pornographic Image recorded between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2017 which have since had a charge outcome recorded broken down by financial year.

2015/16 - 1  
2016/17 – 4

### **Request 3**

For the incidents that led to a charge, please provide the following aggregated information on the offenders for each offence category as above, provide: (1) Offender gender (2) Offender ethnicity (3) Offender age group (16 and under, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and so on up to 100 and over).

### **Answer**

Of the 5 individuals charged; (1) all were male (2) 4 were white and 1 was Black African (3) 2 were 20-29, 1 was 50-59, 1 was 60-69 and 1 was 70-79.

### **Request 4**

For how many of these (charged) incidents was a separate offence of any nature recorded at the same time/during the course of the investigation for each offence category as above broken down by 1. Homicide 2. Any sexual offence 3. Non-domestic burglary 4. Domestic burglary, household theft/personal property 5. Other theft 6. Criminal damage 7. Drug offences 8. Any other type of offence.

### **Answer**

Regarding the 5 individuals charged with Possession of an Extreme Pornographic Image, the following offences were also recorded; any sexual offence, other theft, drug offences and any other type of offence.

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.