



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02867

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Females Killed by a Current or Former Partner

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 wish to obtain the information for each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and thus far in 2018. I wish to receive the information in separate categories for each year. I wish to know how many females have been killed by a current or former partner

Answer 1

PSNI Central Statistics Unit has stated that information can be found in Table 3.9 in the Domestic abuse annual trends 2004/05 to 2017/18 summary table spreadsheet. This provides the number of domestic abuse homicides recorded by victim gender and relationship to offender, 2007/08 to 2017/18. This table is updated annually.

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/>

Request 2

Of these, how many had previously reported their killer to the police (e.g. for issues relating to domestic violence, stalking, harassment etc)

Answer 2

The number of females killed who had previously reported their killer to the police is as follows;

2008 – 1
2009 – 0
2010 – 1
2011 – 1
2012 – 1
2013 – 2
2014 – 2
2015 – 0
2016 – 1
2017 – 1
2018 – 1

This information was provided by PSNI Serious Crime Branch.

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.

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