



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00002

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Detained Persons With No Fixed Abode

### 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

The number of individuals who have been held in police custody whose address is recorded as no fixed abode or no address, or who have no address recorded, per calendar month for 2015 (ie. January 2015: 10, February 2015: 15, etc.);

#### Answer

A total of 472 , which is broken down per month as follows:

Jan	60
Feb	42
Mar	44
Apr	63
May	56
Jun	77
July	82
Aug	71
Sep	71
Oct	86
Nov	68
Dec	66

#### Request 2

The number of individuals who have been held in police custody whose address is recorded as no fixed abode or no address, or who have no address recorded, per calendar month for 2016 (ie. January 2016: 10, February 2016: 15, etc.);

#### Answer

A total of 512 , which is broken down per month as follows:

Jan	62
Feb	68
Mar	70
Apr	73
May	64
Jun	71
July	68
Aug	73
Sep	85
Oct	61
Nov	62
Dec	53

**Request 3**

The number of individuals who have been held in police custody whose address is recorded as no fixed abode or no address, or who have no address recorded, per calendar month for 2017 (i.e. January 2017: 10, February 2017: 15, etc.);

**Answer**

A total of 455, which is broken down per month as follows:

Jan	60
Feb	61
Mar	63
Apr	54
May	59
Jun	76
July	60
Aug	77
Sep	69
Oct	56
Nov	63
Dec	49

Please note that the figures provided are from the NICHE computer system, and indicate those who had a No Fixed Abode address active **during the time they were in custody**. This may not still be relevant and individuals may have multiple custody events over the time period.

**Request 4**

The number of days between 1 January 2017 to date, that new admissions to police custody have been halted?

Clarification from you the requester that this question should read how many Custody Suites were closed

**Answer**

PSNI Custody suites were closed on 315 occasions during the year 2017.

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.