



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2018-00941

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Elderly Victims of Crime

### 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

Could you please provide the following information?

All crimes recorded where the identified victim is aged over 65 for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 calendar years, with an annual breakdown.

If possible, could you please categorise the reports by detail of the crime.

#### Answer 1

Figures on the number of crimes, by type of crime, where the victim was age 65+ for each financial year 2007/08 to 2017/18 is published on the PSNI website and can be accessed through police recorded crime statistics, <https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>

Figures for 2007/08 to 2016/17 are published as part of the latest police recorded crime annual trends (victim age and gender spreadsheet), [https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/documents/police-recorded-crime-in-northern-ireland-1998-99-to-2016-17\\_pivot-tables-victim-characteristics.xls](https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/documents/police-recorded-crime-in-northern-ireland-1998-99-to-2016-17_pivot-tables-victim-characteristics.xls)

The latest figures to 2017/18 were published in May – latest financial year update, period ending 31 March 2018 providing figures for 2017/18, <https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/2018/monthly-crime-pivot-tables-period-ending-mar-18.xls>

All crimes recorded where the identified victim is aged over 65 for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 calendar years, with an annual breakdown.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of offences</b>
2013	4942
2014	5023
2015	5731
2016	5089
2017	5243

## **Request 2**

Could you please provide the following information?

The number of such crimes that resulted in a prosecution over the same years, with a similar breakdown.

## **Answer 2**

Please see the spreadsheets highlighted in the above links which also contain the number of outcomes and the outcome rates, by type of crime, where the victim was age 65+ for each financial year 2007/08 to 2017/18.

The number of such crimes that resulted in a prosecution over the same years, with a similar breakdown.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of offences with prosecutions resulting in given year</b>
2013	219
2014	389
2015	523
2016	596
2017	571

Please also see attached spreadsheet for breakdown by offence type.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.