



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01213

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Hacking Crimes

### 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

I would like to know the number of reported incidents of hacking from members of the public over the last two financial years.

By hacking I mean complaints of computer hacking e.g. someone attempting to gain unauthorised access to a mobile, computer, social media or email account. If possible, please include the accompanying police notes with regards to each incident.

### Answer

Action Fraud became responsible for all such reports in England & Wales by 1st April 2014. From 1st April 2015 Action Fraud became responsible for the central recording of fraud offences previously recorded by PSNI. Action Fraud is the UK's National Reporting Centre for fraud and internet crime reported directly to them from the public and other organisations. While this means that these fraud offences are no longer recorded by PSNI, Action Fraud figures relating to victims residing in Northern Ireland are provided to PSNI on a monthly basis.'

Any information provided by Action Fraud to Statistics Branch is published on the PSNI website <https://www.psnipolice.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/> in the police recorded crime monthly/annual bulletins. PSNI Statistics Branch does not hold any further information.

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.