



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01334

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Hate 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

I refer to your reply of 18th May 2018 (see F-2018-00334), in which you stated that of the 12 hate crimes committed against transgender people/persons with the protected characteristic of gender reassignment, 3 crimes resulted in charge, summons or a community resolution.

The purpose of this FOI request is to establish the outcomes of the remaining 9 hate crimes that did not result in a charge, summons or a community resolution and I have supplied a sheet\* which lists the 21 possible crime outcomes to enable you to provide your response

#### Answer

Please find below a list of the following outcomes:

- Charge / Summons - total = 1
- Community Resolution – total = 1
- Evidential difficulties named suspect identified – the crime is confirmed and the victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action - total = 2
- Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified – the victim does not support (or withdraws support from) police action - total = 4
- Investigation complete – no suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available – total = 4

Please note that the response provided to you in the request number F-2018-00334, was in response to clarification sought and provided by you the requester on the specific outcomes for crimes detected during 2016/17 as identified through the table in the web links provided.

It should be noted that this table and clarification is based on date of detection and **not date of report**.

This request for information is to provide the outcomes that have since been applied to crimes recorded during 2016/17, regardless of date of detection. Therefore the current response will differ slightly in this respect to the response provided for F-2018-00334.

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.