



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02932

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Hate Crime Relating to Sectarian Violence

### 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

A breakdown of hate crime figures for the last five years. In providing this information could you include: Types of hate crime, reported hate crime and outcomes from these reports.

#### Answer

Hate crime figures for the last five years, along with outcome rates, are published in our annual trends bulletin and accompanying spreadsheet and these can be accessed via our website:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/>

Section 3.4 of the Outcomes of Crimes Recorded by the Police bulletin provide a distribution of the outcome framework for crimes with a hate motivation. The latest publication covers 2015/16 to 2017/18 and was published on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>

#### Request 2

A copy of the PSNI's Standard Operational Procedure for dealing with hate crimes with particular reference to sectarian violence.

#### Answer

PSNI Service Procedure 21/17 is on Hate Crime. It can be accessed via our website:

[https://www.psni.police.uk/advice\\_information/our-publications/corporate-policy/](https://www.psni.police.uk/advice_information/our-publications/corporate-policy/)

This page contains a list of policies and the below link is to the Hate Crime Service Instruction

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/advice--information/our-publications/policies-and-service-procedures/hate-crime-170518.pdf>

This information has been provided by PSNI Central Statistics Unit.

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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