



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2019-00004

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Homicides 2014 - 2018

### 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

In the last five calendar years, how many homicides have been recorded by your force?

#### Answer

PSNI Statistics Branch advised the number of homicides by calendar year is published on the PSNI website in the Police Recorded Crime Annual Trends publication – see table 2.3 in the accompanying spreadsheet. This provides homicides to 2017, the total for 2018 will be published in the latest police recorded crime monthly update to December 2018 which will be available on 31st January 2019.

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

#### Request 2

Can the figure be broken down by each calendar year, the area where the homicide was recorded (town/city) and the type of homicide (stabbing, shooting, assault, arson etc).

#### Answer

Crime operations Branch has provided the information below detailing the town/city of the homicide and the type.

#### 2014

Belfast	Assault, Assault with weapon, Suffocation, Firearm,
Omagh	Assault
Lisburn	Fire
Portstewart	Assault with weapon
Ballymena	Stabbing
Craigavon	Assault
Carryduff	Fire
L/Derry	Assault
Bangor	Assault

**2015**

Ballymoney	Firearm
Randalstown	Stabbing
Belfast	Stabbing, Assault with weapon
Enniskilen	Assault
Antrim	Assault
Newtownbutler	Firearm
Comber	Stabbing
Ballymena	Assault
L/Derry	Assault
Craigavon	Assault
Coalisland	Assault
Bessbrook	Assault
Portavogie	Assault

**2016**

Toome	Assault
Belfast	Firearm, Explosion
Greenisland	Assault
Ballycastle	Stabbing
Portadown	Assault
Lurgan	Assault
L/Derry	Stabbing
Coleraine	Assault
Lisburn	Assault

**2017**

Lurgan	Stabbing
Belfast	Assault, Stabbing
Newtownards	Assault
Carrickfergus	Firearm
Enniskillen	Drowning
Lisnaskea	Stabbing
Portadown	Assault
Bangor	Firearm
L/Derry	Assault
Derrylin	Vehicle
Larne	Stabbing
Rasharkin	Assault
Lisburn	Stabbing

**2018**

Newry	Drugs
Belfast	Firearm
Crumlin	Assault
Derrylin	Fire
L/Derry	Stabbing
Maghera	Assault
Ardglass	Assault
Portaferry	Assault
Killyclogher	Industrial Accident
Belleek	Stabbing
Newcastle	Assault

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.

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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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