



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02022

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Honour Based Crime 2016-2018

### 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 (i) 2016/17 and (ii) 2017/18 financial year how many crimes did you record that were logged as potentially being an offence which was an “honour-based crime”?

### Answer

- (i) 2016/17 – 3 crimes logged as “honour-based crime”.
- (ii) 2017/18 – 2 crimes logged as “honour-based crime”.

### Honour Based Incident definition:

Where a clearly identifiable crime or incident has occurred this qualifier is to be used to ensure that any characteristics of ‘honour-based’ activity around the incident are captured. Honour-based violence is defined as: A crime or incident which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and / or the community. Honour-based violence can affect both men and women, and cuts across a number of cultures and communities. It is closely associated with domestic abuse and child protection matters.

Issues such as dress, choice of friends, relationships with members of the opposite sex and career choice among others could all impact on a family's honour and therefore lead to honour-based violence.

There are many examples of how honour-based violence can impact on someone's life including being isolated from local communities, not being allowed independence, forced into marriage or under duress from their family. In every case police have a responsibility to ensure safety, whether that is by offering advice and prosecuting offenders.

### Request 2

In relation to 2017/18 financial year can you provide me with a breakdown of all offences and the number of each offence that were tagged as being offences of “honour-based crime”.

**Answer**

1. Incident reported to PSNI - I/P not engaging.
2. Incident – x 2 Common Assaults.

**Request 3**

Starting from the month of January 2018 please provide me with copies of the first five MOs of crimes that were tagged with “honour-based crime”. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].

**Answer**

Female foreign national has reported to police via a translator that she was assaulted by family members as she was trying to leave the country. I/P would not make a complaint to police.

The above information was provided by the PSNI Central Statistics Branch.

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).

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