



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00895

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Lost and Stolen Property

**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**

Please can you provide a breakdown of the number of items of stolen and lost property currently held by the PSNI across Northern Ireland (divided into lost/stolen categories if possible).

**Answer**

Please see table below containing the number of items of stolen and lost property currently held by the PSNI across Northern Ireland divided into lost and stolen categories.

Property Type	Total
Stolen	362
Lost	49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>411</b>

**Request 2**

Please can you list the items, their value/estimated value, where they are held (eg, which PSNI station or premises, and village/town/city), the total value/estimated value of the items and how long they have been held by the PSNI.

**Answer**

Please find attached a spreadsheet, providing a full breakdown of items, their value/estimated value, where they are, the total value/estimated value of the items and how long they have been held by the PSNI can be found in worksheets 2a and 2b. Please note estimated value is not always input on the original record, but has been included where available.

**Request 3**

Please can you outline the number of items that have been returned to their owners over the past five years (providing an annual breakdown) and where possible, what those items were and their value/estimated value.

## Answer

Please see tables below detailing Stolen and Lost property recovered. Please also see attached spreadsheet, worksheets 3a and 3b for full itemisation.

Stolen items recovered by owner per calendar year:

Year	Total
2012	667
2013	726
2014	797
2015	659
2016	467
2017	429
2018 (to 1 Jul)	178
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3923</b>

Lost items recovered by owner per calendar year:

Year	Total
2012	9
2013	12
2014	6
2015	38
2016	10
2017	17
2018 (to 1st July)	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>96</b>

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.