



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00814

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Knife and Gun Confiscation

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

The amount of knives confiscated within your jurisdiction, broken down annually for 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Answer

Calendar Year	Number of Knife Seizures
2017	907
2016	772
2015	852
2014	760

The table includes items of the following sub-types recorded as 'seized':

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| Knife – Stanley | Knife – Butchers | Knives |
| Knife – Flick | Electric knife | Knife – Other |
| Knife – Craft | Knife – Lock | Knife – Kitchen |
| Penknife | Kukri | Dagger |
| Knife – Diving | Knife – Swiss Army | Knife - Butterfly |

Request 2

The amount of guns confiscated within your jurisdiction, broken down annually for 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Answer

Calendar Year	Number of Gun Seizures
2017	242
2016	290
2015	241
2014	238

The table includes items of the following sub-types recorded as 'seized':

Handguns
Shotgun

Guns
Pistols

Rifles/long-arms
Electronic stun gun

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.

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.