



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-03026

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Non-Crime Hate Incidents

### 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 provide the number of number of non-crime hate incidents reported to the force for calendar years 2016, 2017 and the year to date 17 December 2018. For each, please supply the hate crime category (race, religion/faith, homophobic, transphobic, disability or any other category you use) and the type of offence (i.e. harassment).

#### Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet. As you have asked for incident only data (non-crime hate incidents) the 'type of offence' does not apply as no crime has been committed. You have provided the example of 'harassment' which is a crime and would therefore not be included in the data you have asked for.

#### Request 2

Please provide anonymised details for each of these incidents including date, nature of incident, what happened, why it was flagged as a hate crime and where it took place. Where it is not possible to provide all of the details within the cost limit, please answer question 1.

#### Answer

As indicated by you in your request above, after contacting the record owner, it is not possible to answer Request 2 within the 18 hour time limit set under the FOI Act.

Figures for hate motivated incidents are published on a quarterly basis as well as in our annual trends bulletin and these can be accessed via our website:

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

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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