



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00380

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Revenge Porn

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

How many crimes of "revenge porn" have been reported to your police force between April 2015 the end of March 2016?

Request 2

How many crimes of "revenge porn" have been reported to your police force between April 2016 the end of March 2017?

Request 3

How many crimes of "revenge porn" have been reported to your police force between April 2017 and March 2018?

Answers 1 – 3

Please find below the information requested, for 'Recorded crime offences of 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress'

Year	Recorded crime
2015-16	0
2016-17	24

Please note that the information is not available for 2017 / 2018 , however it will be published on 17th May 2018, and will be available on the PSNI Statistics website, which can be accessed by the link provided: <https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/>

Request 4

What's the age of the youngest victim?

Answer

This information is not available; however it will be published on 17th May 2018, again through the PSNI Statistics website.

Request 5

How many charges have there been for revenge porn between April 2015 the end of March 2016?
How many of these led to convictions at court?

Request 6

How many charges have there been for revenge porn between April 2016 the end of March 2017?
How many of these led to convictions at court?

Request 7

How many charges have there been for revenge porn between April 2017 and March 2018? How many of these led to convictions at court?

Answer

Please find the information provided in the table below regarding 'Number of charges'¹ for 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress'

Year	Number
2015-16	0
2016-17	2
2017-18	8

Please find in the table below the 'number of convictions for 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress'

Year	Number
2015-16	0
2016-17	2
2017-18	1

This offence was enacted in Northern Ireland in the Justice 2016 Act 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress' and is included in the Recorded Crime data series. Offences are recorded as per the Home Office Counting Rules including the principal crime rule, i.e. if a person reports to police that inappropriate photographs have been made public and also disclosed to police that a more serious offence was committed by the same offender then the more serious offence will be recorded as per the principal crime rule and the 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress' will not be recorded as part of the recorded crime data series.

Extracted from the custody data where a person has been arrested and processed through police custody and subsequently charged.

Please note that 'conviction' data stored in Niche is not stored in a reportable format. This data is shared from the Northern Ireland Court Service therefore cannot be relied upon.

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.