



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02718

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sexual Offences On Aeroplane 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 last three years, how many sexual offences have you recorded that have 'aeroplane,' 'flight,' or 'airport' logged as the crime location?

Answer

In the last 3 years the PSNI has recorded 2 sexual offences that have 'aeroplane,' 'flight,' or 'airport' logged as the crime location.

Request 2

Please break down by calendar year for 2016, 2017 and 2018 so far. I would like these figures for the date that the offence was logged, which may not necessarily be when it occurred.

Answer

1 offence was logged in 2017 and 1 logged in 2018.

Request 3

For each year, please break down by type of offence – rape, sexual assault, etc.

Answer

- 2017 the offence was Exposure and Voyeurism.
- 2018 the offence was Sexual assault.

Please note this information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant. Please also note changes can be expected to figures from 1st April 2018 as records are subject to ongoing validation and quality assurance processes until publication in May 2019; annual revisions to previously published financial year figures may also be applied at this time.

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.