



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02201

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Theft from The Person 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

I would like to know:

- 1) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area in 2013
- 2) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area in 2014
- 3) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area in 2015
- 4) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area in 2016
- 5) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area in 2017
- 6) The number of theft from the person incidents recorded in your force area up to the date of this request (September 6th) in 2018

### Answer

Statistics Branch publishes figures for the number of offences of theft from person on the PSNI website. Figures for each financial year 1998/99 to 2017/18 are available in table 7 through the following link

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/2018/march/monthly-crime-summary-tables-period-ending-mar-18.xls>

Figures to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 are also published on the PSNI website in the latest monthly update (<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>) and figures to 31<sup>st</sup> August will be published on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Figures by month are also published on the [OpenDataNI website](#) for the period April 2001 – June 2018.

## **Request 2**

If possible, I would like the data to specify what items specifically were stolen. For example: "In 2013, there were 40 mobile phones, 60 handbags, 70 wallets etc. stolen by a suspect committing theft from the person."

## **Answer**

Please see excel spreadsheet which lists "thefts from the person" recorded on PSNI systems for years listed in Request 1, detailing, "Property Type" and "Property Description".

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.