



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01925

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Thefts of Lifestock From 2013 - 2017

### 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

A county breakdown of every livestock theft in Northern Ireland from 2013 to 2017, in separate tabular form for cattle and sheep.

#### Answer

Please find in the tables below the data that responds to your request.

The data was extracted on 18th December 2018 and provides a count of the number of burglary, robbery or theft offences recorded by police where there is linked property classified as stolen and where the property description is animals - cattle or animals - sheep. Reference to cattle or sheep elsewhere in the crime record (i.e. other than from the property description) will not have been identified for inclusion in the response.

Please note that it is possible for both cattle and sheep to have been stolen in the same incident, in which case the details would appear in both tables.

Where available, the county has been provided based on the occurrence address.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live recording 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.

## Burglary, robbery or theft offences where cattle stolen

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Antrim	8	7	14	10	7
Armagh	40	27	18	10	14
Down	49	34	34	29	26
Fermanagh	11	5	2	5	3
Londonderry	13	8	7	11	6
Tyrone	41	18	19	16	18
County details not available	11	5	3	4	2
<b>Northern Ireland total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>76</b>

## Burglary, robbery or theft offences where sheep stolen

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Antrim	24	30	9	11	10
Armagh	4	6	8	5	1
Down	4	9	5	14	4
Fermanagh	3	1	9	3	1
Londonderry	8	16	10	10	6
Tyrone	23	12	13	18	9
County details not available	5	3	2	3	2
<b>Northern Ireland total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>33</b>

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.

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