

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02868

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Transphobic Hate Crime

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 wish to obtain the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. I wish to obtain the information for each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018. I wish to obtain this information in separate categories for each year. I wish to know: How many reports of transphobic hate crime (i.e. anti-transgender) has the PSNI received?

Answer

PSNI Central Statistics Unit has advised that data has only been recorded for Transphobic hate crime since 2009/10 so figures are only available from April 2009 onwards. Since then Transphobic recorded crime figures are published on a quarterly basis and the latest figures to September 2018, along with our annual trends can be found on our website:

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

Request 2

Of these, how many have been referred for prosecution?

Answer

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Year	Number of occurrences with a Prosecutorial Decision to proceed with prosecution
2011	1
2012	1
2014	2
2016	1
2017	2
2018	2

Request 3

Of these, how many have resulted in conviction?

Answer

Year	Number of occurrences where a conviction was made against one or more of the involved offences
2016	1
2017	1

This information has been provided by PSNI Information Communication System department.

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.