



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00334

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Victims with Protected Characteristic of Gender Reassignment

Request and Answer:

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. In relation to victims who have the protected characteristic of gender reassignment:

- 1a) the number of hate incidents that have been reported in the past twelve months.
- 1b) the number of reported hate incidents that have resulted in an arrest/charges being made.
- 2a) the number of hate crimes that have been reported in the past twelve months.
- 2b) the number of reported hate crimes that have resulted in an arrest/charges being made.

Answer

Enquiries made in relation to your request, based on the information you have provided, have failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request. Central Statistics Branch have confirmed they do not hold information that would identify a person with the protected characteristic of gender reassignment. PSNI do not specifically capture gender reassignment as a protected characteristic and record data on the basis of the information provided by the IP (Injured Party) i.e. if they identify as a female, it would be recorded as such. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

For your information - Statistics Branch publish figures relating to Transphobia within the Hate Motivated Incidents and Crimes bulletins (<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/> see section on latest annual trends bulletin, period ending 2016/17).

The definition of Transphobia is that it “includes people who are transsexual, transgender, transvestite and those who hold the gender recognition certificate under the Gender Recognition Act 2004”.

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.