



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01383

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Attacks on Police Officers

### 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:  
How many attacks on police officers have there been? If possible, could I get details of the attack (if that isn't available, don't worry). Please could I get a breakdown for the figures, separately, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (so far)?

### Answer

The following information has been provided by Statistics Branch;

#### Number of assaults on police officer offences

	2015	2920
	2016	2731
	2017	2671
1 Jan - 2 Sep 2018 <sup>1</sup>		1765

Assaults recorded where the victim was a police officer on duty, including the following types of offence: Attempted murder, Causing death or serious injury by dangerous driving, Causing death or serious injury by careless or inconsiderate driving, Assault with intent to cause serious harm, Assault with injury, Assault without injury on a constable, Assault without injury, Aggravated vehicle taking.

<sup>1</sup> Changes can be expected to figures from 1st April 2018, as records from this date are subject to ongoing validation and quality assurance processes until publication in May 2019.

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.