

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01497

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Crowd Trouble At Boxing Matches

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

Please indicate the number of times police were called to reports of violence in a crowd at a boxing match/fight night event.

Request 2

Please give details of reasons for being called out. Was it crowd violence, drunk and disorderly, possessing drugs or offensive weapons?

Request 3

Please indicate how many people arrested.

Request 4

Please provide figures for calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 so far.

Answers

A Keyword search was carried out for ' Boxing Match', 'MMA', 'Fight Night', returned a total of 116 records. These records were individually read and the breakdown is provided in the table below:

YEAR	Number of Callouts	Call Details	Number of Arrests
2013	1	no disturbance but damage caused	0
2014	1	fight outside venue	1
2015	2	two fights outside venues	0
2016	1	One disorderly behaviour	0
2017	3	2 fights at venue, 1 disorderly behaviour	1
2018	1	criminal damage by male ejected	0

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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