



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02681

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Drunkenness At Airports and Aeroplanes

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

The number of people arrested by your police force on suspicion of being drunk (or drunk and disorderly) on an aircraft.

Please provide details for the above for 2017 and for 2018 to date, with separate figures for each of the two years.

For both requests please include:

- a) date of the incident
- b) location of the incident
- c) summary of the incident
- d) gender and ages of the individual(s) arrested.
- e) the outcome (that is charge, caution or no further action)

Answer

The following offences were used to search the custody data to identify persons arrested on suspicion of being drunk on an aircraft:

- 5016163- Being drunk when in aircraft
- 5016113 - Entering aircraft when drunk
- 5016114- Being drunk when in aircraft
- 5017230- Passenger being drunk onboard an aircraft
- 5017235- Crew member being drunk onboard an aircraft

Please see the responses to questions A – E provided in the table below:

Arrest Date	Arrest Premises Name	Occurrence Summary	Age at time of arrest	Gender	Charged	Convicted
Oct 2018	Belfast City Airport	A drunk and boisterous passenger on board	49	Male	Y	Y
Aug 2018	Belfast International Airport	Arrested threats to kil.	27	Male	Y	Y

Request 2

Separate figures for the number of people arrested by your police force on suspicion of being drunk (or drunk and disorderly) in an airport.

Answer

The following offences were used to search the custody data to identify persons arrested on suspicion of being drunk at an airport:

4202008 – Drunk in Charge of a child under 7 in a public place

5011001 – Simple Drunk

5011037 – Being Drunk in Licensed Premises

There were **no** arrests identified for these offences where the arrest location was at an airport.

Please note that PSNI Statistics Branch have provided the information by arrest location and not offence location.

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.