



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00248

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Guns Ammunition and Weapons Recovered

### 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

Can I be told the number of guns and ammunition recovered in each of the policing districts in the past 2 years also list the type of weapon recovered in each policing District?

### Answer

Please find the response in the table at the end of this correspondence.

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.

The following table shows the number of firearms and the number of rounds of ammunition recovered by the PSNI in each policing district during the 2 year period 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2018, as per the PSNI Statistic Branch's Security Situation Statistics publication, which can be found at the following link: [www.psni.police.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics](http://www.psni.police.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics).

The type of firearm record is categorised as machine gun/submachine gun, rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver.

Police District	Machine Gun / Submachine Gun	Rifle	Shotgun	Pistol	Revolver	TOTAL NUMBER OF FIREARMS	Number of rounds of ammunition
BELFAST CITY	3	1	7	9	7	27	1,980
LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY	0	2	3	0	1	6	435
ARDS & NORTH DOWN	0	0	0	1	2	3	56
NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN	0	3	0	0	0	3	119
ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON	1	2	7	4	1	15	192
MID ULSTER	0	1	0	0	1	2	442
FERMANAGH & OMAGH	0	1	2	2	0	5	647
DERRY CITY & STRABANE	0	0	0	2	1	3	211
CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS	0	4	0	1	1	6	906
MID & EAST ANTRIM	1	1	5	5	3	15	1,154
ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY	0	0	1	2	0	3	215
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6,357</b>

(1) Further information regarding these statistics can be found in the Security Situation Statistics user-guide, found at the following link [www.psni.police.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics](http://www.psni.police.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics). Figures exclude replica/blank firing firearms, air guns, firearms seized due to a firearms certificate lapsing and munitions from World War 1 or World War 2 found for example on the beach or in attics.

(2) Figures contain in-year 2017/18 financial year figures, therefore are provisional and subject to amendment.

**Source: PSNI Statistics Branch**