



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02639

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Force Numbers 2016 and 2017

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

I am currently doing data analysis research on street crime data within Northern Ireland. I have obtained the police street crime data from the Police API <https://data.police.uk/docs/>. I am currently looking to seek policing force numbers per station or county for the years 2016 and 2017 in Northern Ireland. I have contacted the Police UK support centre for this information and they have told me to contact the PSNI directly for this information. I am hoping that with this data that I can build a correlation between the policing numbers in each county and the rise and fall of recorded crimes.

I am a student studying Data Analysis for a final year project. I am looking at Street Crime Data and the rise and fall of recorded crimes based on the number of officers to a county/location. I have downloaded the police street crime data from the Police API website. I do however request the PSNI force numbers over the year 2016 and 2017 per county. I am hoping to draw some correlation between the rise and fall of data.

Clarified Request

Please find attached an updated version of my foi request were the request for police force numbers by county has been updated to district as discussed on the telephone.

Street Crime Data

I have attached a link in the foi request to the api that provides me with 'Police Service of Northern Ireland - street' data. This data is a recording of every street crime in northern Ireland, ie Anti social behaviour, theft, Robbery etc. The link is as follows <https://data.police.uk/data/>

Answer

District/Area	2016	2017
DIST POL COM	207	213
BELFAST AREA	229	262
NORTH AREA	134	150
SOUTH AREA	160	169
A-DISTRICT	727	774
B-DISTRICT	241	221
C-DISTRICT	197	179
D-DISTRICT	320	303
E-DISTRICT	341	324
F-DISTRICT	211	204
G-DISTRICT	242	232
H-DISTRICT	324	330
J-DISTRICT	244	226
K-DISTRICT	237	212
L-DISTRICT	237	213
Grand Total	4051	4012

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.