



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02799

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Incidents Reference Brexit

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 would like to find out how many incidents reported to the force – which have the word 'Brexit' involved as part of the call or report.

Please tally how many incidents there were in the years 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016; 1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017; and 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018.

If possible, please then detail the nature of the incident recorded.

Answer

Please note that the information requested is not held in a central location within PSNI and I had to contact several Departments in an attempt to facilitate your request.

To facilitate your request a manual trawl was carried out by PSNI Call Management Centre (CMC) on the computer system Command and Control (C&C) for the time periods requested by trawling for all incidents logged, in an attempt to capture within the call log by using a keyword search for the following keyword 'Brexit' :

The follow results were obtained:

01 October 2015 – 30 September 2016 = one incident reported reference a Brexit survey.

01 October 2016 – 30 September 2017= 15 incidents reported, as follows.

- A total of 3 calls were regarding protests near border.
- A total of 10 reports were not relevant to Brexit but it was mentioned within the call log by the callers

01 October 2017 – 30 September 2018 = 33 incidents reported as follows:

- A total of 2 calls were survey reports
- A total of 4 calls were 'hate crimes' mentioning Brexit.
- A total of 5 were Brexit related protests
- A total of 1 was Brexit related graffiti on a shop.
- A total of 14 were 'mental health' related reports where Brexit was mentioned
- A total of 7 were miscellaneous calls mentioning Brexit but the call was not related to Brexit itself.

However from this response it should also be further considered that as it has been provided and searched solely by undertaking a keyword search for 'Brexit' and it is therefore dependent on the information having been recorded within each of the C&C call logs which are manually input onto the system and therefore should allow for any human error. In addition there **may be** calls recorded on the C&C system that have not been captured for example any data that falls out of the 'keyword searches.

In addition a search was carried out by Information Communication Service (ICS), however it should be noted that this information may duplicate some of the incidents located by CMC.

Please see the information retrieved in the table below from 01 October – 30 September :

Year	Number of Occurrences
2015-16	10
2016-17	28
2017-18	44

The following should be noted in conjunction with the data provided:

The number of occurrences related to occurrences where the word 'Brexit' appears one or more times: occurrence summary field and/or in the Occurrence Enquiry Log.

Please note that the appearance of the word 'Brexit' may be incidental to the occurrence and may not be a main purpose of the occurrence.

Please find a breakdown of the nature of the occurrence which is represented by the dispatch classification and occurrence type recorded against the occurrence and any blanks provided no relevant information:

Year	Dispatch Type
2015-16	Assault (ASLT)
2015-16	
2015-16	ASB – Personal – Hate Crime
2015-16	Other Offences Against the Person (OAPN) – Hate Crime
2015-16	Firearms (FRAM)
2015-16	ASB - Personal
2015-16	Sexual Offence (SXIN)
2015-16	Assault (ASLT)
2015-16	Assault
2015-16	Public Order Offences (PORD)
2016-17	
2016-17	Pre-Planned Events (PPEV)
2016-17	Pre-Planned Events (PPEV)
2016-17	Pre-Planned Events (PPEV)
2016-17	Contact record (CTAC)

2016-17	ASB – Nuisance Neighbours
2016-17	Theft (THFT)
2016-17	ASB – Personal – Hate Crime
2016-17	Arrest
2016-17	Domestic
2016-17	Other Offences Against the Person (OAPN)
2016-17	ASB - Personal
2016-17	
2016-17	Service of Documents (SRVD)
2016-17	
2016-17	
2016-17	
2016-17	Search (SRCH)
2016-17	Suspicious Circumstances (SUSC)
2016-17	
2016-17	Other Offences Against the Person (OAPN)
2016-17	
2016-17	Planned Protest
2016-17	
2016-17	
2016-17	Police Generated Resource Activity (PGRA)
2016-17	Production of Driving Documents (PDOCD)
2016-17	Public Order Offences (PORD)
2017-18	ASB - Personal
2017-18	ASB - Nuisance
2017-18	
2017-18	Parade - Other (PDEO)
2017-18	
2017-18	Suspicious Vehicle (SUSV)
2017-18	ASB - Personal
2017-18	Pre-Planned Events (PPEV)
2017-18	Contact record (CTAC)
2017-18	Other Offences Against the Person (OAPN) – Hate Crime
2017-18	Suspicious Circumstances (SUSC)
2017-18	Suspicious Vehicle (SUSV)
2017-18	Assault (ASLT)
2017-18	ASB – Nuisance – Criminal Damage
2017-18	Assault (ASLT)
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	Arrest (ARST)
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	Parade - Other (PDEO)
2017-18	Parade - Other (PDEO)
2017-18	ASB - Personal

2017-18	Concern for Safety (CSAF)
2017-18	ASB - Personal
2017-18	
2017-18	Other Offences Against the Person (OAPN)
2017-18	Assault (ASLT)
2017-18	Criminal Damage
2017-18	Assault (ASLT)
2017-18	ASB – Personal – Hate Crime
2017-18	
2017-18	Police Generated Resource Activity (PGRA)
2017-18	
2017-18	Production of Documents (PDOG)
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	
2017-18	Drugs (DRGS)
2017-18	

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.