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This bulletin presents the latest Police and Criminal Evidence Order (PACE) statistics for the Police Service of Northern Ireland as required by statute. Reported are the number of persons detained under PACE. Excluded are those detained under legislation other than PACE, for example the Terrorism Act or Mental Health legislation.

Contents: The following statistics on the use of PACE by the PSNI during 2016/17 are contained in this report;

- i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched**
- ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks**
- iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2016/17**

The detention statistics data are also broken down by PSNI Custody Suite in Annex One.

Please note that these statistics are based on a count of detainees' custody numbers in each custody suite and relate to the period of original detention only.

i) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched

Table 1: Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 5 Persons and Vehicles Searched 2016/17

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property / Articles	Searches	264	232	215	256	275	196	265	284	273	257	302	243	3,062
	Arrests ¹	28	46	40	36	31	39	39	65	29	30	32	40	455
Offensive Weapon / Blade or Point	Searches	79	61	71	76	65	80	64	83	87	75	70	84	895
	Arrests ¹	23	16	17	20	23	23	16	30	21	26	21	21	257
Going Equipped / Prohibited Articles	Searches	128	112	148	146	119	122	191	141	143	107	146	142	1,645
	Arrests ¹	17	9	22	27	23	17	29	25	16	23	23	20	251
Fireworks	Searches	2	1	5	1	8	27	190	24	8	1	0	0	267
	Arrests ¹	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	Searches	473	406	439	479	467	425	710	532	511	440	518	469	5,869
	Arrests ¹	68	71	80	83	77	79	84	120	66	79	76	81	964

¹ Arrests as a result of search

ii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Article 6 Road Checks

There were 39 road checks authorised in 2016/17, all of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence.

iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2016/17

Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2016/17.

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals*	Gender		Friend/Relative etc.	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	5,757	4,896	856	1,409	3,532
Quarter 2 July-September	5,676	4,803	872	1,392	3,431
Quarter 3 October-December	5,469	4,609	857	1,438	3,306
Quarter 4 January-March	5,037	4,239	797	1,374	3,156
TOTAL	21,939	18,547	3,382	5,613	13,425

* 10 transgender persons are included in "Totals"

Extended Detention: During 2016/17 there were 46 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

Magistrate's Warrants: There were 16 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention in 2016/17. One of these applications was for 24 hours or less, 1 was for between 25 and 35 hours and the other 14 were for a period of 36 hours. Of the 16 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, 1 of these was for a second warrant of further detention. Of the 15 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 8 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 6 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 1 person was detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. A total of 8 persons were subsequently charged.

Intimate Searches: There were 5 intimate searches carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2016/17. These were drugs offence searches, of which 1 resulted in a quantity of Class A drug being recovered. The remaining 4 were negative results.

X-rays & ultrasound scans: During 2016/17 one x-ray was carried out (negative result). No ultrasounds were recorded.

Annex One

PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2016/17

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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody ⁽¹⁾	0	0	149	507	656
Armagh Custody	303	251	205	168	927
Banbridge Custody ⁽¹⁾	57	470	537	536	1,600
Bangor Custody ⁽¹⁾	454	448	277	0	1,179
Coleraine Custody	551	577	517	380	2,025
Dungannon Custody	303	310	341	298	1,252
Enniskillen Custody	273	234	283	214	1,004
Lurgan Custody ⁽¹⁾	504	143	0	0	647
Musgrave Street Custody	2,385	2,349	2,299	2,187	9,220
Omagh Custody	215	279	278	263	1,035
Strabane Custody ⁽¹⁾	79	0	0	0	79
Strand Road Custody	633	615	583	484	2,315
Total	5,757	5,676	5,469	5,037	21,939

(1) Antrim Custody suite was closed for refurbishments during quarters 1 and 2. Banbridge Custody suite reopened after refurbishments during quarter 1. Bangor Custody suite closed during quarter 3. Lurgan Custody suite closed for refurbishments during quarter 2. Strabane Custody suite closed for refurbishments during quarter 1.

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Source: Statistics Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh