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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 2012/13 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 2012/13**

The detention statistics data are also presented 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. Figures are provisional and subject to minor amendment.

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 2012/13

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property	Searches	196	195	150	194	189	167	220	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,311
	Arrests ¹	27	34	26	29	25	15	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	190
Stolen Articles	Searches	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	455	308	286	298	402	1,769
	Arrests ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	49	27	33	32	40	182
Offensive Weapon	Searches	60	106	86	90	89	97	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	628
	Arrests ¹	24	21	10	21	20	28	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141
Article with Blade or Point	Searches	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	69	44	56	46	73	291
	Arrests ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	12	11	13	18	19	74
Going Equipped	Searches	274	251	223	228	226	200	323	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,725
	Arrests ¹	28	21	24	23	15	6	13	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	130
Prohibited Articles	Searches	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	212	162	130	152	158	839
	Arrests ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	22	12	28	13	18	93
Fireworks	Searches	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	93	45	5	2	2	1	148
	Arrests ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Other	Searches	157	113	101	82	111	141	411	4	3	0	0	0	1,123
	Arrests ¹	13	18	17	18	18	15	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	Searches	687	665	560	594	615	605	1,195	785	522	474	498	634	7,834
	Arrests ¹	92	94	77	91	78	64	77	86	52	74	63	77	925

¹ Arrests as a result of search

NB: On the 31st October 2012 changes were made to the STOPS database. These included changing the search objective categories from stolen property, offence weapons, going equipped to stolen articles, articles with blade or point, prohibited articles and fireworks. The above table presents both the old and the new categories.

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

There were 59 road checks authorised in 2012/13, 57 of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence. The remaining 2 were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying someone reasonably suspected or intending to commit an indictable offence.

iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2012/13

Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2012/13.

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals	Gender		Friend/Relative etc	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	6,419	5,429	990	1,407	3,300
Quarter 2 July-September	6,814	5,766	1,048	1,573	3,626
Quarter 3 October-December	6,285	5,402	883	1,526	3,339
Quarter 4 January-March	5,740	4,913	827	1,332	3,152
TOTAL	25,258	21,510	3,748	5,838	13,417

Extended Detention: During 2012/13 there were 82 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

Magistrate's Warrants: There were 22 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, all of which were granted. Seven of these applications were for 24 hours or less and the other 15 were for a period of 36 hours. There were five occasions where a second warrant of further detention was successfully applied for. Of the 17 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 5 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 8 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 4 persons were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. 17 persons were subsequently charged.

Intimate Searches: There were no intimate searches carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2012/13.

X-rays & ultrasound scans: During 2012/13 there were:

- (a) Two x-rays authorised (both negative results)
- (b) No ultrasound scans authorised

Annex One

PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2012/13

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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody ¹	517	496	502	583	2,098
Ardmore Custody	57	37	32	31	157
Armagh Custody	342	1	0	113	456
Ballymena Custody	339	338	300	273	1,250
Banbridge Custody	62	536	477	421	1,496
Bangor Custody	454	493	503	469	1,919
Coleraine Custody	421	487	390	332	1,630
Dungannon Custody	265	350	265	261	1,141
Enniskillen Custody	267	321	183	91	862
Grosvenor Road Custody	279	322	314	246	1,161
Limavady Custody	338	368	273	255	1,234
Lisburn Custody	352	421	338	104	1,215
Lurgan Custody	521	485	430	278	1,714
Magherafelt Custody	7	4	5	2	18
Musgrave Street Custody	1,233	1,284	1,168	1,145	4,830
Omagh Custody	420	263	360	422	1,465
Strabane Custody	475	220	89	94	878
Strand Road Custody	16	363	644	608	1,631
Waterside Custody	54	25	12	12	103
Total	6,419	6,814	6,285	5,740	25,258

¹ Includes 50 prisoners detained at Antrim Serious Crime Suite

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