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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 2013/14 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 2013/14**

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 2013/14

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Stolen Property / Articles	Searches	522	532	397	314	413	285	433	467	530	376	415	391	5,075
	Arrests ¹	57	56	36	31	57	40	64	43	50	42	44	35	555
Offensive Weapon / Blade or Point	Searches	72	88	75	73	70	66	81	84	68	72	68	77	894
	Arrests ¹	18	17	19	25	24	20	23	23	17	15	19	26	246
Going Equipped / Prohibited Articles	Searches	215	219	173	152	182	137	245	186	196	148	182	217	2,252
	Arrests ¹	14	21	17	16	22	16	39	14	18	19	23	21	240
Fireworks	Searches	0	1	5	0	1	8	199	29	2	0	1	0	246
	Arrests ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	Searches	809	840	650	539	666	496	958	766	796	596	666	685	8,467
	Arrests ¹	89	94	72	72	103	76	130	80	85	76	86	82	1,045

¹ Arrests as a result of search

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

There were 59 road checks authorised in 2013/14, 53 of which were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence and the other six were for the purpose of ascertaining whether a vehicle was carrying a witness to an indictable offence together with whether a vehicle was carrying someone reasonably suspected or intending to commit an indictable offence.

iii) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Order – Detention statistics 2013/14

Table 2: Arrests under PACE by Gender and whether requests for friends / relatives or a solicitor were made, for each Quarter during 2013/14.

	Arrests Under PACE			Requests	
	Totals [*]	Gender		Friend/Relative etc.	Solicitor
		Male	Female		
Quarter 1 April-June	6,277	5,335	942	1,444	3,526
Quarter 2 July-September	6,375	5,433	941	1,519	3,631
Quarter 3 October-December	6,190	5,232	956	1,448	3,491
Quarter 4 January-March	5,806	4,957	849	1,342	3,282
TOTAL	24,648	20,957	3,688	5,753	13,930

* 3 transgender persons are included in "Totals"

Extended Detention: During 2013/14 there were 32 persons who were detained in police custody for more than 24 hours and released without charge.

Magistrate's Warrants: There were 34 applications to Magistrates Courts for warrants of further detention, all of which were granted. Eight of these applications were for 24 hours or less, 1 was for 30 hours and the other 25 were for a period of 36 hours. There were five occasions where a second warrant of further detention was successfully applied for. Of the 29 persons subject to a warrant of further detention, 7 spent less than 24 hours under its authority, while 20 spent between 24 hours and 36 hours and the remaining 2 persons were detained over 36 hours under the authority of these warrants. 24 persons were subsequently charged.

Intimate Searches: There was one intimate search carried out by a suitably qualified person during 2013/14. The result of this search recovered a quantity of Class A drugs.

X-rays & ultrasound scans: During 2013/14 there was one x-ray and ultrasound authorised (result unknown).

Annex One

PACE Detention statistics by PSNI Custody Suite 2013/14

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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Antrim Custody	377	452	397	426	1,652
Ardmore Custody	26	11	20	16	73
Armagh Custody	11	1	2	0	14
Ballymena Custody	284	323	336	314	1,257
Banbridge Custody	491	477	493	485	1,946
Bangor Custody	583	582	557	507	2,229
Coleraine Custody	425	368	334	361	1,488
Dungannon Custody	289	343	289	274	1,195
Enniskillen Custody	267	266	232	225	990
Grosvenor Road Custody	270	249	265	237	1,021
Limavady Custody	264	192	241	224	921
Lisburn Custody	325	270	319	256	1,170
Lurgan Custody	421	422	443	432	1,718
Magherafelt Custody	0	0	0	0	0
Musgrave Street Custody	1,191	1,363	1,295	1,167	5,016
Omagh Custody	302	261	271	236	1,070
Strabane Custody	55	17	50	3	125
Strand Road Custody	696	684	641	642	2,663
Waterside Custody	0	94	5	1	100
Total	6,277	6,375	6,190	5,806	24,648

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