



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00661

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes recorded in GP Surgeries

Request and Answer:

Your Request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your Request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following:

Request 1

Please disclose the total number of recorded crimes that were committed in GP practices or health centres in:

- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19
- 2019-20
- 2020-21
- 2021-22

Answer

Please see the table below outlining data extracted from recorded crime data series where the Modus Operandi location subtype was 'Surgery/Health Centre'. This table illustrates the total number of offences committed at this location during the requested time period.

Year	Total number of crimes
2016-17	102
2017-18	84
2018-19	74
2019-20	94
2020-21	60
2021-22	72

Request 2

Please provide a breakdown of how these recorded crimes in GP practices or health centres were categorised in:

- 2016-17

- 2017-18
- 2018-19
- 2019-20
- 2020-21
- 2021-22

(I.e please disclose the number of crimes that were recorded as theft, the number that were recorded as anti-social behaviour, the number that were recorded as violent assault, etc)

Answer

Please see the table below outlining data extracted from recorded crime data series where the Modus Operandi location subtype was ‘Surgery/Health Centre’. This table illustrates a breakdown of how each of the offences were categorised during the requested time period.

Offence Type	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Violence against the person and sexual offences	32	28	23	43	18	33
Burglary, robbery and theft offences	36	22	33	22	15	10
Criminal damage	26	26	13	18	23	20
Other crimes against society	8	8	5	11	4	9

Please note:

- The 'Surgery/Health Centre' location subtype indicates that an offence occurred at or within the vicinity of a 'Surgery/Health Centre'. Therefore the offence may have occurred outside of the requested location and may not have been in connection with the Surgery/Health Centre location.
- The figures within the current financial year (since 1st April 2021) are provisional and subject to change and include records up to and including 7th March 2022).
- Anti-social behaviour is not a police recorded crime; as such location information is not recorded for anti-social behaviour incidents.
- The information provided is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.