



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00761

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Reports Of Knives In Schools

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 1

Please provide: The number of reports which contain both the word ‘blade or point on school premises’ where the suspect was under 18. Please provide figures for the 2019/2020 and 2020/21 academic years (1 September to 31 July), broken down by age of suspect, local authority area and the name of the school (unless the name of the school is exempt from release).

Request 2

For each of these incidents, if possible, please could you provide the outcome data (as used in the police.uk statistics)?

Answer to Request 1 and 2

Please see table under with requested information broken down by academic year, age at time of incident, District area and outcome

As per your clarification in Request 1 – the name of the school would be exempt under the Act and is consequently not provided under.

Academic Year	Age at time of incident	District	Outcome
2019/20	14	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2019/20	18	Belfast	evidential difficulties
2019/20	12	Lisburn and Castlereagh	juvenile caution
2019/20	no suspect identified	Belfast	no outcome yet applied
2019/20	14	Antrim and Newtownabbey	juvenile caution
2019/20	15	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	juvenile caution
2019/20	14	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	juvenile caution

2019/20	10	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	evidential difficulties
2019/20	13	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	charge/summons
2019/20	12	Newry, Mourne and Down	charge/summons
2019/20	11	Derry City and Strabane	evidential difficulties
2019/20	11	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2019/20	no suspect identified	Fermanagh and Omagh	evidential difficulties
2020/21	15	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	juvenile caution
2020/21	13	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2020/21	18	Newry, Mourne and Down	charge/summons
2020/21	11	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2020/21	12	Mid Ulster	juvenile caution
2020/21	14	Lisburn and Castlereagh	juvenile caution
2020/21	7	Mid and East Antrim	evidential difficulties
2020/21	14	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2020/21	12	Belfast	evidential difficulties
2020/21	13	Causeway Coast and Glens	evidential difficulties
2020/21	12	Lisburn and Castlereagh	charge/summons
2020/21	11	Belfast	evidential difficulties
2020/21	11	Belfast	juvenile caution
2020/21	16	Ards and North Down	evidential difficulties
2020/21	15	Ards and North Down	evidential difficulties
2020/21	13	Mid and East Antrim	juvenile caution
2020/21	12	Belfast	evidential difficulties
2020/21	14	Causeway Coast and Glens	evidential difficulties
2020/21	14	Belfast	evidential difficulties
2020/21	10	Mid and East Antrim	evidential difficulties

Please note:

This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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