



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-00809

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Persons Entering The River Foyle

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 does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

I am respectfully requesting under the Freedom of Information Act, with respect to GDPR, the total number of incidents involving individuals entering the Foyle River and attempting to enter, from March 23rd 2020 up to this day, 28th March 2021.

If you could provide the data by gender, and age groups in a way that won't identify individuals.

Answer

Please see the table below, which details persons entering the River Foyle at the bridges between the 23rd March 2020 and 23rd March 2021.

Age Range	Female	Male	Unknown
10 - 14 age	2	3	0
15 - 24 age	71	79	0
25 - 34 age	45	58	0
35 - 44 age	11	44	0
45 - 54 age	8	20	0
55 - 64 age	7	8	0
65 - 74 age	0	1	0
over 75	0	1	0
Unknown	14	17	27
Total	158	231	27
Total of all figures			416

These figures contain unknown ages in both males and females, and figures where the Policing District does not have any information on the age or sex. These will be persons rescued by either passer-by's, family, the Foyle Prevention Team or Maiden City River Watch.

Please note: There was a total of five deaths on the River Foyle in this time period.

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 were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office 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. 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 his discretion.

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