



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01121

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Stolen Mobile Phones

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

Are you able to provide me with your most recent statistics on how many phones are stolen in Northern Ireland per annum please? I have been able to source information about England and Wales from ONS and we would like to include the statistics for Northern Ireland too if possible.

Answer

In response to your Request, please see the table below based on all recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property described as 'Mobile phones & accessories' was classified as 'stolen' during the period 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2022. The category 'Mobile phones & accessories' includes a wider range of property than mobile phones, such as chargers and other accessories.

Year	Number of Offences	Number of Items described as 'Mobile phones & accessories' classified as 'stolen' as part of these offences
2017/18	1605	1646
2018/19	1517	1585
2019/20	1361	1394
2020/21	684	706
2021/22	981	1007

Please Note: This information 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.

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

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