



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01158

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Burglary Offences

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

Please can you provide me with the number of recorded offences under 'Domestic Burglary', 'Aggravated Burglary' and 'Commercial Burglary' in the financial years from 2017/19 to 2021/22.

If it is easily accessible, can you share the recorded outcomes and if charges were brought? Can you please break down the data on a spreadsheet by year and type of recorded burglary.

Answer

The table provided below is based on all recorded burglary offences, broken down by the currently assigned outcome, for the period 2017/18 - 2021/22.

The figures provide the currently assigned outcomes for recorded burglary offences and please note outcomes may be updated as investigations are completed and / or new evidence is presented.

The three burglary classifications below consist of the following offences:

- Burglary - Residential: 28E Burglary - Residential, 28F Attempted burglary - Residential, 28G Distraction burglary - Residential, 28H Attempted distraction burglary – Residential
- Aggravated burglary: 29A Aggravated burglary - Residential, 31A Aggravated burglary - Business & Community
- Burglary - Business & Community: 30C Burglary - Business & Community, 30D Attempted burglary - Business & Community

Offence	Outcome	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/22
Burglary - Residential	Charge/Summons	454	440	447	371	306
	Out of Court Disposal	11	13	13	8	10
	Taken into consideration	4	-	-	-	-
	Prosecution Prevented	12	8	9	4	2
	Evidential Difficulties	635	511	622	505	410
	Investigation Complete - no suspect	3,616	3,218	3,100	1,949	1,726
	Other Agencies	2	-	-	1	3
	No outcome yet assigned	188	275	224	243	487
Aggravated burglary	Charge/Summons	24	47	45	42	39
	Out of Court Disposal	1	1	-	-	2
	Taken into consideration	-	-	-	-	-
	Prosecution Prevented	-	-	-	1	-
	Evidential Difficulties	25	31	31	31	23
	Investigation Complete - no suspect	37	30	37	32	27
	Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
	No outcome yet assigned	5	9	9	6	22
Burglary - Business & Community	Charge/Summons	277	280	299	178	132
	Out of Court Disposal	21	24	29	5	18
	Taken into consideration	-	-	-	-	-
	Prosecution Prevented	3	5	4	1	-
	Evidential Difficulties	185	126	142	94	84
	Investigation Complete - no suspect	1,250	998	986	592	446
	Other Agencies	6	7	5	3	-
	No outcome yet assigned	68	104	76	66	99

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.