



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2022-01555

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Arrests & Incidents at Belfast International and City Airport

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request information about the following airports:

- Belfast International Airport
- George Best Belfast City Airport

For each of these airports, I would like to request the following:

1. Number of arrests
2. Most common offences

For both of these, I would like the data broken down for 2019, 2020 and 2021, if possible.

Answer

Please see below information in relation to your request, which has been extracted from the custody arrests data. Please note the figures are based on persons arrested and processed through police custody in each of the calendar years: 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The custody records provided in the two tables below have been classified based on the most serious offence the person was arrested for.

Please see table below in relation to Belfast City Airport.

Belfast City Airport	2019	2020	2021
Violence against the person	1	0	0
Sexual offences	2	0	0
Burglary/robbery/theft	1	0	0
Criminal damage	1	0	0
Drug offences	0	0	2
Possession of weapons offences	0	1	1
Public Order	2	1	0

Miscellaneous Crimes against society	4	4	11
<i>of which: immigration-related offences</i>	3	3	8
<i>offences relating to criminal property</i>	0	1	0
Fraud	0	0	0
Motoring offences	0	1	0
Person detained	6	2	6
<i>of which: Detained on bench warrant</i>	5	1	5
Total number of custody records	17	9	20

Please see table below in relation to Belfast International Airport.

Belfast International Airport	2019	2020	2021
Violence against the person	9	4	5
Sexual offences	1	0	0
Burglary/robbery/theft	10	4	2
Criminal damage	0	0	4
Drug offences	3	5	0
Possession of weapons offences	1	0	0
Public Order	3	0	1
Miscellaneous Crimes against society	15	6	13
<i>of which: immigration-related offences</i>	4	5	10
<i>offences relating to criminal property</i>	6	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1
Motoring offences	0	1	1
Person detained	15	2	2
<i>of which: Detained on bench warrant</i>	12	2	1
Total number of custody records	58	22	29

Arrests for Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport have been identified through the arrest location address. Although the arrest occurred at these airports, the offence(s) the person was arrested for may have occurred at a different location.

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.