



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01734

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Missing People

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 1

How many people in your area went missing between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity and by age in the following table. In this question we are asking for the number of individuals, not total incidents/investigations:

Answer

Please see the table below outlining the number of missing individuals, broken down by age and ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | 0-11yrs | 12-17yrs | 18-25yrs | 26-39yrs | 40-59yrs | 60+yrs |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Chinese | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 2 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Mixed | 3 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Roma | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| White | 167 | 945 | 762 | 1095 | 813 | 302 |
| Irish Traveller | 3 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Indian | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Pakistani | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Asian | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Black Caribbean | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Black African | 5 | 21 | 6 | 17 | 7 | 1 |
| Black Other | 0 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Unknown | 34 | 179 | 105 | 138 | 134 | 54 |

Request 2

How many total missing investigations were there between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity and by age in the following table:

Answer

Please see the table below illustrating the number of missing person's reports on our database,

broken down by age and ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | 0-11yrs | 12-17yrs | 18-25yrs | 26-39yrs | 40-59yrs | 60+yrs |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Chinese | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 2 | 68 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Mixed | 3 | 20 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Roma | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| White | 273 | 4575 | 1131 | 1356 | 1007 | 356 |
| Irish Traveller | 3 | 71 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Indian | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Pakistani | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Asian | 1 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Black Caribbean | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Black African | 0 | 35 | 8 | 17 | 7 | 1 |
| Black Other | 0 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| Unknown | 36 | 218 | 119 | 143 | 140 | 55 |

Request 3

How many missing investigations for children between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, broken down by ethnicity, had a: a) Sexual Exploitation marker.

Answer

Please see the table below outlining the total number of children with a 'Child Sexual Exploitation Marker' (CSE), broken down by ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | Total with 'Child Sexual Exploitation Marker' |
|------------------|--|
| White | 593 |
| Irish Traveller | 8 |
| Unknown | 19 |

Please note that the CSE marker relates to the time that the search was completed and not necessarily the time that the child was reported missing.

Children flagged or suspected of 'CSE' are assessed throughout the year and the flag added / removed. The flag is also removed when the child turns 18 years old.

Request 4

Please provide the number of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 which lasted more than 48 hours, broken down by ethnicity.

Answer

Please see the number of children that were identified as missing for more than 48 hours, broken down by ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | Children Missing > 48 hours |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chinese | 1 |
| Mixed | 6 |
| White | 81 |
| Irish Traveller | 7 |
| Other Asian | 1 |
| Black African | 4 |
| Black Other | 1 |
| Unknown | 11 |

Request 5

Please provide the number of missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 which lasted more than 48 hours, broken down by ethnicity.

Answer

Please see the number of adults that were identified as missing for more than 48 hours, broken down by ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | Adult Missing > 48 hours |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Chinese | 2 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 3 |
| Mixed | 1 |
| White | 341 |
| Irish Traveller | 3 |
| Pakistani | 1 |
| Other Asian | 2 |
| Black Caribbean | 1 |
| Black African | 7 |
| Black Other | 4 |
| Unknown | 25 |

Request 6

Please provide the number of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 which lasted more than 7 days, broken down by ethnicity.

Answer

Please see the number of children that were identified as missing for more than 7 days, broken down by ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | Children Missing > 7 Days |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Mixed | 1 |
| White | 15 |
| Irish Traveller | 5 |
| Black African | 2 |
| Unknown | 5 |

Request 7

Please provide the number of missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 which lasted more than 7 days, broken down by ethnicity.

Answer

Please see the number of adults that were identified as missing for more than 7 day, broken down by ethnicity.

| Ethnicity | Adult Missing > 7 Days |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Other Ethnic Group | 1 |
| White | 68 |
| Irish Traveller | 2 |
| Black African | 4 |
| Black Other | 3 |
| Unknown | 5 |

Please note - Each of the above responses are subject to the following caveat:

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. The Niche Technical team is not involved in checking reliability and validity of any data input into Niche and cannot rule out the possibility of input errors which may have influenced these figures.

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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.