



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01854

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Burglaries in Newry, Mourne & Down

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request number 5 below. We have also provided you with links to guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office which we have followed in responding to your request.

Request 1

What are the top 10 areas in Newry, Mourne and Down that have had the most burglaries occur over the last 12 months (June 2021 to June 2022)?

Request 2

How many burglaries took place in each area listed in the above question?

Request 3

How many burglaries took place in each area listed in the above question?

Answers to Requests 1-3

Please see the separate spreadsheet which provides the number of burglaries recorded by PSNI in Newry, Mourne and Down Policing district during the 12 months (July 2021 to June 2022). Figures have been provided at ward level (based on the ward 2014 geographic boundary) and have been sorted in descending order.

Please note: Annual figures for burglary by ward are published in the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information System (NINIS) in the Police Recorded Crime (administrative geographies) data set. This information can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/Theme.aspx?themeNumber=131&themeName=Crime%20and%20Justice>

Request 4

How many of these incidents have led to convictions?

Answer

46 of these incidents led to convictions as pertaining to request 4.

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.

Information relating to convictions & prosecutions is provided by NI Courts Service and the Public Prosecution Service to PSNI for information purposes only and may not be wholly accurate. For accurate figures the relevant information should be sought from either NI Courts or PPS directly.

Request 5

Can there be an overall value put on items burgled in the last year?

Answer

In relation to request 5, 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 not hold information in relation to your request. Enquires made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Please note: It is not possible to provide an overall value on items stolen in these burglaries. The value of property stolen may be found in various fields, the information held in these fields is not complete (i.e. there will be property records where no value is available at all), and the information is not consistently entered.

The full text of exemptions can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk and further guidance on how they operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website www.ico.org.uk.

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@psnipolice.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.psnj.police.uk

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