

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2022-01880

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Anti Drug Campaign - Dervock Village

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 the information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

We are reviewing our village wide anti-drug campaign and its effectiveness so to help facilitate it may I request the following information please for the village of Dervock Co Antrim.

May I have statistics regarding number of drug related crimes or offences committed within the village for the following time frame.

May I have it Broke down by year For:

1st July 2018- June 30th 2019

1st July 2019- June 30th 2020

1st July 2020- June 30th 2021

1st July 2021-June 30th 2022

Answer

Based on the time periods in your request, the number of drug offences (trafficking and possession offences) recorded by the police for the Dervock administrative ward (2014) are:

1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019 - 3

1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 - 3

1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 - 7

1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 - 5

Please note that the figure for July 2021 to June 2022 is provisional and potentially subject to change.

It is also worth noting that the figures you have requested are already available in the public domain and are easily accessible at any time. Drug offences (trafficking and possession offences) recorded by the police for the Dervock administrative ward (2014) or any other administrative ward in Northern Ireland are available for each financial year in the police recorded crime data (administrative

geographies) section of the NINIS website, found at the link below:

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

The figures on this website are regularly updated and will continue to be a publically accessible source of information to anyone seeking figures of recorded crimes in various administrative areas.

Please note: from our enquiries we also noted that you had a previous FOI request with PSNI last year (FOI-2021-00920) where you asked for the same information and this was ultimately provided to you. You may notice that the figures for this request differ slightly from those supplied in your previous request.

We wanted to make you aware that the reason for this is because your previous request (FOI-2021-00920) asked for the figures for the financial years which is April to March and for this request (FOI-2022-01880) you asked for the figures for July to June of each year. This change of timeline would explain why there are slight differences in the data for some of the same years in both requests.

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.