



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00050

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sexual Offences In Schools

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 1

In the last three years how many sexual offences were reported to you as having been committed at schools?

Request 2

How many of were for the offence of rape?

Request 3

How many were for the offence of sexual assault?

Answer to Requests 1-3

The table under is based on all recorded sexual offences where the location was 'School' during the period 2018 to 2020.

Offence Classification	2018-2020
Sexual Offences	319
<i>Of which Rape</i>	13
<i>Of which Sexual Assault</i>	312

Please note:

The 'school' location subtype indicates that an offence occurred at or within the vicinity of school premises. Therefore the offence may have occurred outside of school premises. Additionally, the offences may have occurred on school premises outside of school hours and those involved in the offence may not have any connection to the school.

The 'Sexual assault' classification is made up of the offences of: Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over, Sexual assault on a male child under 13, Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over, Sexual assault on a female child under 13.

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.

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 were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office 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. 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 his discretion.

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