



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-00159

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Dog Thefts (January 2018 - January 2021)

**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 information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

**Request**

I would like to request the following information: Dog thefts reported to the Police Force in Northern Ireland between the dates between 1st January 2018 and today's date 20th January 2021.

If you would like to put them into calendar years such as 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 that would be most helpful.

**Answer**

The following table shows the number of recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property classified as 'stolen' was described as 'Dog', for the period 1st January 2018 – 20th January 2021. Each offence may have resulted in more than one dog being stolen.

	2018	2019	2020	1st – 20th January 2021
<b>Offences</b>	39	27	41	3

**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.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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