

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00521

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Under Age 18 - Shootings

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

What is the date of the last shooting/assault of an under 18 person attributed to a paramilitary organisation?

Answer

As of 28 February 2021, the last incident in which a person under the age of 18 years old was a casualty of a paramilitary style assault/shooting was on 4 July 2020.

Request 2

Since 1 January 2017 what is the age of the youngest person to be a victim of an assault attributed to a paramilitary organisation?

Answer

Between 1 January 2017 and 28 February 2021 the youngest person to be a casualty of a paramilitary style assault was aged 15 years old.

Request 3

Since 1 January 2017 what is the age of the youngest person to be a victim of a shooting attributed to a paramilitary organisation?

Answer

Between 1 January 2017 and 28 February 2021 the youngest person to be a casualty of a paramilitary style shooting was aged 16 years old.

Accompanying Notes:

1) Such assaults and shootings are recorded as 'paramilitary style attacks' but **may not** necessarily involve a paramilitary organisation.

2) Data is provisional and subject to amendment.

3) Further information can be found in the Security Situation Statistics User Guide at the following link: www.psnl.police.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics

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.

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