

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00600

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Dog Thefts

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.

Clarification from Request Number F-2021-00462

Can you please confirm if you require the information to be provided as per the 11 PSNI Districts as the information is not held in local government council areas.

Clarification received from you the Requester

Many thanks for this. The information broken down by PSNI district would be good. It would also be good to have a description of where these districts cover.

Request 1

To detail the number of reported dog thefts across Northern Ireland, broken down over the last three years by PSNI District.

Answer

PSNI has a total of 11 Policing Districts, the details of the areas that they refer to can be found on the table below.

The table is based on all burglary, robbery and theft offences where property classified as 'stolen' was described as 'dog', broken down by police district, for the years 2018 - 2020.

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.

District	2018	2019	2020
Belfast City	10	7	10
Lisburn & Castlereagh City	2	3	1
Ards & North Down	-	2	-
Newry, Mourne & Down	7	4	4
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	5	2	6
Mid Ulster	3	1	1
Fermanagh & Omagh	3	4	5
Derry City & Strabane	3	-	6
Causeway Coast & Glens	-	-	3
Mid & East Antrim	2	3	3
Antrim & Newtownabbey	4	1	2
Northern Ireland	39	27	41

Request 2

To detail the number of reported attempted dog thefts across Northern Ireland, broken down over the last three years by PSNI District.

Answer

There were no identified offences of attempted burglary, robbery or theft where property described as 'dog' was associated with the offence during this period.

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.