Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2021-00665

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Anti-Social Behaviour

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

Some information on the teens in the Newtownabbey area. We require the numbers for the youths who have been cautioned and the number of reported ASB incidents.

Clarification requested: Can you please provide a time frame for your request please? Also can you confirm if by 'Newtownabbey area' you are referring to 'Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing District'?

Clarification received: Probably within the last year please. It would be Newtownabbey district so Glengormley, Mossley, Rathcoole, Ballyclare all the hot spots for the youths if that makes sense.

Further clarification received: Requester content to receive data for the Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing District.

Answer

Information on the number of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents for each policing district can be found in our Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents in Northern Ireland bulletins. These figures, which are updated monthly, can be accessed via the following link : <u>https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/anti-social-behaviour-statistics/</u>

The crime map feature of the Police.uk website provides specific areas and the page for Newtownabbey can be accessed via the following link : <u>https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/police-service-of-northern-ireland/newtownabbey/?tab=Overview</u>

Using the crime map, you will be able to zoom in on specific locations of interest. By hovering your mouse over the grey circles on the map, the number of ASB incidents and other offences recorded in that area will be presented to the right of the map. Data is presented for each month and the latest 36 months are available.

Please note: ASB incidents cannot result in a Caution and our Central Statistics Branch do not hold information on persons involved in ASB incidents.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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