

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00736

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Occurring Within Police Stations

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

Can the PSNI provide the number of times a crime has been reported within its police stations - broken down by year and police station - since March 23 2016, to March 23 2021? If providing the police station location is a security risk, can you provide the policing district instead?

Request 2

Can the PSNI also outline the crimes that were reported? For example, drug related incidents, vandalism, assaults etc.

Clarification to requester:

Can you confirm by the above do you mean:

- Crimes reported in a police stations whereby a person has entered a police station and reported a crime (as opposed to contacting 999 or 101) or
- The crime itself has occurred in a police station

Clarification from requester

I was looking to get the figures regarding the crime itself occurring in a police station.

Answer

Please find attached a table which is based on all recorded offences where the occurrence address indicated that the offence took place in a police station, broken down by police district, offence classification, and year, for the period 23rd March 2016 - 22nd March 2021. Police stations have been identified through the occurrence address.

Please Note:

The provided table will include offences which took place in custody by detained persons.

All other offences includes the following offences classifications: sexual offences, robbery,

possession of weapons, public order, and miscellaneous crimes against society.

'-' indicates that no offences were recorded.

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.