



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00934

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drink Spiking

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.

Please supply me with the following information;

Request 1

Figures for incidents of drink spiking in your region over the last 5 years (year by year).

Request 2

Can you also please tell me the outcomes of those drink spiking incidents.

I would appreciate it if the figures can be broken down to the nearest city/town.

Answer

The following table is based on all recorded offences of '8N Assault with injury - administering poison with intent to injury or annoy' and '88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences', in the period 2016 - 2020. Each record has been checked to establish if the circumstances related to a report of the victim's drink being 'spiked'.

The table has been broken down by the nearest town or city (based on the occurrence address) and the recorded outcome.

Recorded offences where a victim has reported that their drink had been spiked, 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Belfast					
Evidential Difficulties	1	-	-	-	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	7	1	7	14	1
Castlereagh					
Evidential Difficulties	-	-	-	-	1
Downpatrick					

Evidential Difficulties	-	-	1	-	-
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	1	-	1	-	-
Dungannon					
Evidential Difficulties	-	1	-	-	-
Lisburn					
Evidential Difficulties	1	-	-	-	-
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	1	2	-	-
Londonderry					
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	2	-	-	-
Lurgan					
Evidential Difficulties	-	-	-	1	-
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	-	1	-	-
Magherafelt					
Evidential Difficulties	-	-	-	1	-
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	-	-	1	-
Newry					
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	-	2	2	-
Newtownabbey					
Evidential Difficulties	-	1	-	-	-
Newtownards					
Evidential Difficulties	-	-	-	1	-
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	1	-	-	1	-
Newtownhamilton					
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	-	-	-	1
Omagh					
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	-	2	-	-	-
Total	11	8	14	21	4

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.

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.