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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-01152

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Terror Arrests

### 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

How many arrests under anti-terrorism laws did the force make each year between 2015-most current data available. If possible please provide breakdown of nature of suspected terror offence (eg right wing extremism, Islamist terrorism).

### Answer

PSNI collate and publish the number of persons arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000 as part of our Security Situation in Northern Ireland Statistics. Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000 allows a constable to arrest a person reasonably suspected by him or her of being a terrorist.

Between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2021 there were 903 arrests in Northern Ireland under this legislation. These figures can be found, broken down by month and year, in the accompanying spreadsheet at the following link: [www.psnipolice.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics](http://www.psnipolice.uk/SecuritySituationStatistics).

Arrests made under the PSNI published security situation statistics will have either a republican paramilitary or loyalist paramilitary motivation if identified.

### Please note

The latest available figures are for the period to 30 June 2021. Figures from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 are provisional and subject to change.

Persons may have been arrested in relation to terrorism offences under legislation other than Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000; e.g. under PACE etc.

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](mailto: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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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