



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01737

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts of Catalytic Converters

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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

I would like to request data regarding the number of catalytic converters reported stolen within your jurisdiction.

Can I please receive the total thefts for each individual time period of:

01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018

01/03/2018 - 31/03/2019

01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020

Request 2

Could this be a total count of recorded thefts within the boundaries of your jurisdiction and if possible, Belfast.

To clarify, if possible, I would like to receive figures for the whole of Northern Ireland plus separate figures for Belfast.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property classified as stolen was identified as a catalytic converter, for the financial years 2017/18-2019/20.

The following information is based on all recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property classified as stolen was identified as a catalytic converter, for the financial years 2017/18-2019/20.

The property details have been identified where the text 'catalytic' or 'cat con' was contained in the property common name or property remarks fields.

Figures for Northern Ireland include the number of offences recorded in Belfast policing district.

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.

Area	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Northern Ireland	2	8	10
Belfast	0	0	1

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.