

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01865

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cautions issued by the PSNI

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 1

Could I seek a breakdown of the number of cautions issued by the PSNI in the past five years: what crimes they were issued for and the age of the youngest person cautioned?

Answer

Please see the separate attached Excel spreadsheet for the breakdown of cautions and the crimes they were issued for.

To identify these records, a search has been carried out for adult caution and juvenile caution documents recorded on Niche Record Management System for the last 5 complete calendar years and the age of the subject of the caution on the date the caution document was issued to identify the youngest individual in each year.

Please see in the table below the age of the youngest person cautioned from 2015 - 2019.

Calendar year	Youngest age at time of caution
2015	11
2016	11
2017	11
2018	10
2019	11

Please note: Information relating to prosecutions is provided by the Public Prosecution Service to PSNI for information purposes only and may not be wholly accurate.

This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording 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.