

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02180

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Protest Statistics

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 1a

How many people were arrested at protests under Breach of the Peace during the time period 1st June 2019 to 30th September 2019?

Answer

None.

Request 1b

Of those arrests, how many people were charged?

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 2a

How many people were arrested at protests under Breach of the Peace during the time period 1st June 2020 to 30th September 2020?

Answer

None.

Request 2b

Of those arrests, how many people were charged?

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 2c

Of those arrests, how many people are still released under investigation?

For all the above questions, please disaggregate by age, race and gender (if available).

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 3

How many people were arrested at protests under the Public Health Act 1984 /Health Protection Regulations during the time period 1st June 2020 to 30th September 2020?

Answer

None.

Request 4

Of those arrests, how many people were charged?

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 5

Of those arrests, how many people are still released under investigation?

For all the above questions, please disaggregate by age, race and gender (if available).

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 6

How many people were arrested at protests under the Coronavirus Act 2020 during the time period 1st June 2020 to 30th September 2020?

Answer

None.

Request 7

Of those arrests, how many people were charged?

Answer

Not applicable.

Request 8

Of those arrests, how many people are still released under investigation?

For all the above questions, please disaggregate by age, race and gender (if available).

Answer

Not applicable.

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.

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