

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02402

Keyword: Crime

Subject: School Crime

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

Based on refinement offered in previous FOI F-2020-02177 - the number of offences by crime type where the Modus Operandi (MO) location was input as school or college. School location identified from the location MO indicates an offence occurred at or within the vicinity of school or college premises.

Please state how many crimes took place on school premises on each of the last three years.

Request 2

In each year, please provide a breakdown of the type of crime.

Answer

Please see the table below based on all recorded offences where the location was either 'School' or 'College', during the period 2018 to 2020. This is broken down by year and by the offence classification.

The following notes are applicable to the data provided.

The 'school' and 'college' location subtypes indicates that an offence occurred at or within the vicinity of school or college premises. Therefore, the offence may have occurred outside of school or college premises. Additionally, the offences may have occurred on school premises outside of school hours and those involved in the offence may not have any connection to the school.

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.

Offence Classification	2018	2019	2020
Violence against the person	446	558	303
Sexual offences	174	98	71
Theft offences - Burglary	55	62	42
Theft offences	83	94	59
Criminal damage	158	119	114
Drug offences	34	51	35
Possession of weapons offences	11	15	17
Public order offences	6	11	13
Miscellaneous crimes against society	61	55	41
Total	1,028	1,063	695

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.