



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-02518

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Arrests in Relation to Breach of Restraining and Non-Molestation

### 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.

For the last four years:

#### Request 1

How many arrests there are in relation to the breach of restraining orders?

#### Answer

During the last four years from November 2017 to October 2021, there were a total of 595 arrests for the offence of 'Breach of Restraining Order'.

**Please note** - This data has been extracted where a person has been arrested and processed through police custody for an offence of Breach of Restraining Order.

#### Request 2

How many arrests there are in relation to the breach of Non Molestation Orders?

#### Answer

During the last four years, November 2017 to October 2021, there were a total of 1,825 arrests for the offence of 'Breach of Non Molestation Order'.

**Please note** - This data has been extracted where a person has been arrested and processed through police custody for an offence of Breach of Non Molestation Order.

#### Request 3

How many prosecutions come from both?

#### Answer

A total of 376 Prosecution for the offence of 'Breach of Restraining Order'.

A total of 930 Prosecution for the offence of 'Breach of Non Molestation Order'.

**Please note** - Information relating to convictions and prosecutions is provided by NI Courts Service

and the Public Prosecution Service to PSNI for information purposes only and therefore may not be wholly accurate.

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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at [www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/](http://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/)

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 their discretion.

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