

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2021-02533

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Theft of Tools (2019-2020)

### 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 (PSNI) does hold the information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Please can you supply the information on the number of crimes reported in 2019 and 2020 that involved the theft of tools (i.e. from building sites, vans etc.)?

I would like data on all crimes regardless of their outcome (or Crime Outcome Code.)

#### Request 2

If possible, could you please also include the value of the stolen goods in each instance?

#### Answer

Please see attached Excel spreadsheet, labelled '02533 Tool Theft 2019-2020' which holds the information to which you seek access.

The provided data shows all recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property described as 'Machinery or Tools' was classified as 'Stolen', during the period 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2020. Each offence has been assigned a unique reference number, as some offences may involve multiple items of stolen property. The value of property stolen may be found in any of the 'Original Value', 'Current Value', 'Quantity' or 'Remarks' fields. The information held in these fields is not complete, nor is it consistently entered.

In addition, please note that the information held in this spreadsheet 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.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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