



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02605

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Sexual Offences

Subject: Revenge Porn

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

Based on what it contains, I will revise my request to only include the monthly number of cases involving the non-consensual sharing of intimate images from Jan 2016 till the most current date available,.

Request 1

The monthly number of cases split by outcome, and

Request 2

The monthly number of cases split by the age of the victim.

Answer

Please see attached Excel Spreadsheet.

Note

Police recorded crime figures are compiled according to Home Office guidance set out in the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime. Under this guidance, circumstances relating to 'revenge porn' where the victim is aged under 18 will most likely to be recorded as an obscene publication offence.

Figures are provided from 2016 as these offences were enacted in Northern Ireland under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 and no offences were recorded prior to April 2016. Please note that figures from 1st April 2022 are provisional and subject to change.

Outcome figures are subject to revisions, as investigations are completed and as outcomes continue to be assigned. I have provided all outcomes since assigned to the crimes as at 21 October 2022.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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.