



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00586

Keyword: Policing Themes, Operations and Investigations PSNI Correspondence and Reports

Subject: Assaults on Officers - Correspondence with PFNI

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Request 1

Please provide copies of all communications you hold between yourselves and the PFNI referring to the number of assaults on officers for the whole of 2021/22.

I'm trying to find out why the PFNI figure is so much higher than 911 (assaults that do not cause injury?)

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

We can confirm there is no communication between the PSNI & PFNI referring to the number of assaults on officers for the whole of 2021/22 as the figures were taken from the PSNI website.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you request is located via the following link –

<https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-publications-and-reports/official-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics>

This link provides the number of offences of assault on police both with and without injury and are published on the PSNI website in the Police Recorded Crime Annual Trends 1998/99 to 2021/22, which was published on 2nd December 2022.

The figures can be found in Table 2.2 of the accompanying open document spreadsheet Line 30 & 38/39.

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 email.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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