



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-00866

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Theft and Burglary

Subject: Defibrillator Thefts

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 1

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force:

1. How many defibrillators have been reported stolen to the police in your region for the last three years of crime statistics?

Request 2

If possible, can this be broken down by year?

Request 3

If detailed in crime reports, can you provide locations of where the defibrillators were stolen from?

Clarification sought:

Would a district be sufficient location?

Clarification received:

Yes, that would be great.

Answer 1-3

Please see below a table containing statistics of defibrillator thefts reported to Police Service of Northern Ireland in the last 3 years.

The following table is based on all recorded burglary, robbery, and theft offences where property identified as a defibrillator was classified as 'stolen', broken down by policing district and location type, during the period 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2022.

Property was identified from records where the terms 'AED' or 'defib' appeared in the 'make', 'model', 'common name' or 'remarks' fields.

Location	2020	2021	2022
Belfast City			
<i>Hospital</i>	-	-	1
<i>Public/open place</i>	-	1	1
<i>Shop</i>	1	-	-
Lisburn & Castlereagh City			
<i>Church/religious building</i>	-	1	-
Newry, Mourne & Down			
<i>Bank</i>	2	-	-
Mid Ulster			
<i>Dwelling</i>	1	-	-
Fermanagh & Omagh			
<i>Shop</i>	1	-	-
Derry City & Strabane			
<i>Other (public building)</i>	1	-	-
Causeway Coast & Glens			
<i>Community centre</i>	1	-	-
Total	7	2	2

Please note this information is based on data extracted from a live recording 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 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.