



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00907

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Offences against a person

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

I'm looking to receive data regarding incidents of revenge pornography that have occurred in Northern Ireland from January 2021 to date. Specifically, I would like to know how many people have reported being victims of revenge pornography to the Police Service of Northern Ireland across the specified timeframe.

If possible, could the data please be separated by year, as well as broken down by age (under 18, aged 18 and over 18) and gender?

Answer

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.

Recorded offences of 'Disclosing private sexual photographs and film with intent to cause distress' (1 January 2021- 21 March 2023). Please see table below.

Age	2021	2022	2023 (data for March 2023)
Under 18	1	5	1
Over 18	101	86	21
Total	102	91	22

Please note that figures from 1st April 2022 are provisional and subject to change.

Please see table below for gender break down.

Gender	2021	2022	2023 (data for March 2023)
Female	81	69	15
Male	20	21	7
Unknown	1	1	0
Total	102	91	22

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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.