



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01200

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Offences against a person

**Subject:** Murder Stats

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

Please share figures for how many murders have occurred within the Force's area each year over the last 10 years e.g. 2010-11 through to 2021-22 (and or the most recent data available).

#### Request 2

Where possible, please list the location - ideally the village, district, town or city where the murder took place.

#### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered and we are not obliged to supply the information you have requested under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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.

The following exemption has been applied:

#### Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The number of murders recorded in Northern Ireland in each financial year 1998/99 to 2021/22, along with offences of manslaughter, infanticide and corporate manslaughter are published on the PSNI website in the Police Recorded Crime Annual Trends 1998/99 to 2021/22.

For your convenience we have provided the link below.

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

The figures can be found in the accompanying spreadsheet Table 2.4 Homicides, 1998/99 to

2021/22. Homicide figures by financial year and policing district are also available in Table 2.4A.

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](mailto: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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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