



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01221

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Hate Crime and Equality

**Subject:** Racist Incidents in Derry City & Strabane

### 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

Under the FOI Act, can you provide records of all incidents of a racist nature reported to the PSNI in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area in each of the last five years, January 2018 to January 2023?

#### Answer

Financial year figures are published with a district breakdown in our Annual Trends in Hate Motivated Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland report. Figures for the financial year 2022/23 will be published in the next Incidents and Crimes with a Hate Motivation Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Both these publications are available on the PSNI website:

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

#### Request 2

Can this be broken down by year and broken down by location – i.e. Derry or Strabane?

#### Answer

Financial year figures up to 2021/22 are published for a range of administrative geographies, such as ward and DEA, on the NINIS web portal:

<https://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/Theme.aspx?themeNumber=131&themeName=Crime%20and%20Justice>.

The NINIS portal is being replaced by the NISRA data portal at the end of June 2023. All data will be migrated across to the new website, and financial year data for 2022/23 will be available on the NISRA Data Portal by the end of June 2023: <https://data.nisra.gov.uk/>

### **Request 3**

Can you provide the nationality of the victim in each case?

#### **Answer**

Information on the nationality of victims of racist hate crimes is available on a Northern Ireland level in the Annual Trends and quarterly updates previously mentioned. There is no further breakdown of nationality available, and to provide this information for smaller geographic areas would be disclosive as individuals and communities may be identifiable in the data. Due to the sensitivity of this information it would not be appropriate to provide this.

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](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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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