



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01203

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

**Subject:** Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking

**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**

Please provide the number of cases of modern slavery and human trafficking reported to the force between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022. Please disaggregate data according to the following information.

The crime outcome of the offences (for example, this includes but is not limited to outcomes such as 'cautioned', 'charged/summonsed', Evidential difficulties (victim does not support investigation), no suspect identified, 'Not in public interest (police), Not in public interest (CPS)' and any other outcomes recorded).

The age of victims recorded, either adult (18 years or older) or child (17 years old or younger).

Please note that for the purposes of this request, 'victim' is a person who has reported having been a victim of this crime.

**Answer**

Recorded Modern Slavery offences and outcomes extracted from police recorded crime statistics for 1 January – 31 December 2022.

<b>Outcome Assigned</b>	
Charged	8
Evidential difficulties	8
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	2
Outcome not yet assigned	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

Recorded age of victim of Modern Slavery offences extracted from police recorded crime statistics for 1 January – 31 December 2022.

<b>Age of Victim</b>	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>18 +</b>
Modern Slavery Offences	6	36

Changes can be expected to in-year figures as all records from 1st April 2022 are subject to ongoing validation and quality assurance processes until publication in May 2023. Outcomes since assigned are subject to change as a result of ongoing investigations.

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.

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