



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01355

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Sexual Offences

Subject: Rape and Domestic Abuse

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.

I'm writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

Request 1

What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were domestic-abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Request 2

What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Answer

For requests 1 and 2, this information will be available for the period 1st April to 31st March. The Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland Update to 31st March 2023 and the Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland Update to 31st March 2023 bulletins just been published on the PSNI website on 16th May 2023. These will provide figures for the number of Domestic Abuse crimes, the number of overall Recorded Crimes, and the number of recorded Rape crimes. Using these raw numbers you will be able to work out the respective percentages. This can be done for older time periods using the figures in previously published bulletins. These documents are available on the PSNI website:

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

Domestic Abuse: <https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-publications-and-reports/official-statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics>

You may also be interested in Table 2.2 of the spreadsheet accompanying our Trends in Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland 2004/05 to 2021/22 bulletin, which provides recorded crime with a domestic abuse motivation as a percentage of all recorded

crime, broken down by offence for the period 2004/05 to 2021/22. This is available on the domestic abuse page of the PSNI website.

Request 3

What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Request 4

What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Answer for Requests 3 and 4

For the period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, there were 433,211 incidents. Of these 15,899 (3.66%) were for Domestic Abuse and 353 (0.08%) for Rape.

Request 5

What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Answer

Approximately £3.8m (0.45%) for the year from the annual budget of £836m, 2022/23.

Request 6

What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

Answer

Approximately £4.593m (0.55%) for the year from the annual budget of £836m, 2022/23.

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.