



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-01373

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Offences against a person

Subject: Physical Assaults in Derry City Centre

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

Can the PSNI tell us how many physical assaults have been reported to the PSNI March 31st 2022 to March 31st 2023 in the city centre of Derry?

Request 2

Could we also get the same annual figures year on year for past five years, starting with March 31st 2018?

Clarification sought:

What area precisely do you refer to as a 'City Centre of Derry'? Specific parameters including specific 'street names' would be required to review and retrieve any data held in our systems.

Clarification received:

I would define city centre as the following streets:

Waterloo Place, Waterloo Street, Carlisle Road, Ferryquay Street, Clarendon Street, Queen Street, Bayview Terrace, Asylum Road, Woodleigh Terrace, Shipquay Street, Shipquay Place, Guildhall Street, Frances Street, Princes Street, Bank Place, Union Hall Place, Magazine Street, Edward Street, North Street, Little James Street, Patrick Street, Queen's Quay, Foyle Embankment, Harvey Street, High Street, Chamberlain Street, Edward Street. William Street, Butcher Street, Police Court Street, Victoria Market, Foyle Embankment and the Strand Road.

Answer 1-2

Please see below a number of recorded by PSNI Assault Offences in selected streets in Derry, in each of financial years between 1st April 2018 and 31st of March 2023.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Assault Offences	360	459	235	499	583

Please note:

- ❖ The above table is based on recorded assault offences where the occurrence address matched selected streets within the wards of City Walls and Northlands in Derry City & Strabane, during the period 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2023.
- ❖ The included offences are: Assault with intent to cause serious harm, Assault with injury, Assault with injury on a Constable, Assault without injury on a constable and Assault without injury.
- ❖ The selected streets are:
Asylum Road, Bank Place, Bayview Terrace, Butcher Street, Carlisle Road, Chamberlain Street, Clarendon Street, Edward Street, Ferryquay Street, Foyle Embankment, Frances Street, Guildhall Street, Harvey Street, High Street, Little James Street, Magazine Street, North Street, Patrick Street, Police Court Street, Princes Street, Queen Street, Queen's Quay, Shipquay Place, Shipquay Street, Strand Road, Union Hall Place, Victoria Market, Waterloo Place, Waterloo Street, William Street, and Woodleigh Terrace.
- ❖ "Please note that other streets within the City Walls and Northlands wards which were not included in the above list have not been included in this response, e.g. Foyle Street and Foyleside Shopping Centre.
- ❖ Please also note that where a street crosses multiple wards, only those offences which took place within City Walls and Northlands have been included, e.g. offences on Strand Road that took place in Madam's Bank have not been included."
- ❖ This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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.

