



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01622

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Hate Crime and Equality

Subject: Hate Crimes

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 wish to request data in relation to hate crimes and incidents, in particular:

Request 1

The number and percentage of hate incidents, by hate crime type (racism, sectarianism, faith/religion, disability, homophobic, transphobic), categorised by Section 75 Characteristics of the victim (see note below) for the years of 2020, 2021 & 2022.

Request 2

The number and percentage of hate crimes, by hate crime type (racism, sectarianism, faith/religion, disability, homophobic, transphobic), categorised by Section 75 Characteristics of the victim (see note below), for the years of 2020, 2021 & 2022.

Can you please provide the above data disaggregated by Section 75 characteristics (Gender, Age, Race, Religious denomination, disability, sexual orientation, dependants, marital status, political belief). Whilst I appreciate that you will not necessarily have data on all the protected characteristics, a breakdown of what you do collect would be appreciated.

Answer

Please see attached Excel Spreadsheet.

Notes

The following information is based on all recorded offences with a hate motivation where the victim type was 'person', in the period January 2020 - December 2022.

Please see notes on Excel Spreadsheet.

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.