



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01635

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Arrests/Detainees/Outcomes

Subject: Statistics on Spiking

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

For the previous 5 calendar years (January 2018 - March 2023) please provide the number of recorded offences of '5E Endangering Life - Administering poison so as to endanger life', '8N Assault with injury - administering poison with intent to injury or annoy' and '88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences - Administering a substance with intent'.

Please could you provide this data broken down by year?

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021
- e) 2022
- f) 2023 - latest available data

Answer

Please see the table below showing the number of recorded offences from January 2018 until 20th May 2023. The data includes the following offences:

- 5E Endangering Life - Administering poison so as to endanger life
- 8N Assault with injury - administering poison with intent to injury or annoy
- 88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences - Administering a substance with intent.

Year	Total Number
2018	26
2019	32
2020	13
2021	126
2022	161
1 Jan - 20 May 2023	70

Please note changes can be expected to in-year figures as all records from 1st April 2023 are subject to ongoing validation and quality assurance processes until publication in May 2024.

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.