



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2023-01958

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Hate Crime and Equality

**Subject:** Transgender Hate Crimes

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered and we are not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

### Request

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, data on the number of hate crimes or alleged hate crimes against transgender individuals (or perceived transgender individuals, as per hate crime law) reported to your Force in the years 2021 to 2023.

If possible, I would like the data to be broken down by the number of reports each month between March 2021 and March 2023 as rows, as well as a column for each possible outcome (investigation ongoing, case closed no conviction or case closed conviction, etc) which contains the breakdown for this number as well as a final total, showing the full number of reports for each month.

### Answer

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

### ***Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means***

The information requested is publically available on the PSNI website.

Monthly figures for the number of crimes with a transphobic motivation are available in Table 15 of the spreadsheet which accompanies our latest Hate Motivated Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland: Update to 31 March 2023 bulletin. This can be found on the PSNI website: <https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-publications-and-reports/official-statistics/hate-motivation-statistics>

Information on outcomes for crimes with a transphobic motivation are available in Table 5.1 of the spreadsheet accompanying our annual Outcomes of Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland, 2015/16 to 2021/22 bulletin which is available via the same link. The next bulletin in the series, covering up to 2022/23, will be available later in 2023. The PSNI Statistics Branch publication schedule is available here: <https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-publications-and-reports/official-statistics>

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 email.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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