



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01979

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Arrests/Detainees/Outcomes

Subject: Recorded Need for an Appropriate Adult in Custody

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

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to the use of police custody by your police force.

For each of the individual 15 months from January 2022 to March 2023 inclusive:

Request 1

The total number of authorised detentions of adult suspects (aged 18 or over) for that month; and

Answer

Month	Year	Total
January	2022	1830
February	2022	1588
March	2022	1951
April	2022	1825
May	2022	2026
June	2022	2037
July	2022	2241
August	2022	2221
September	2022	2049
October	2022	1998
November	2022	2000
December	2022	2016
January	2023	1901
February	2023	1820
March	2023	2072

Request 2

The total number of authorised detentions of adult suspects (aged 18 or over) in which the need for an appropriate adult (under PACE Code C) was recorded in that month.

Answer

Month	Year	Total
January	2022	240
February	2022	163
March	2022	239
April	2022	217
May	2022	253
June	2022	274
July	2022	298
August	2022	311
September	2022	248
October	2022	245
November	2022	224
December	2022	205
January	2023	270
February	2023	208
March	2023	257

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.