



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05223

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Numbers of Those Arrested for being Drunk in a public place

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I was wondering if you could tell me the number of persons arrested for being drunk in a public place in Belfast City between 22 December 2012 and 3 January 2013 inclusive, and between 22 December 2013 and 3 January 2014 inclusive.

Question 2

Of the persons arrested, the number that were charged, the number that were released with no further action, the number that were charged and bailed and to attend a police station at a subsequent date. The number that were bailed and to attend a police station at a later date but failed to do as requested

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your questions is as follows:

There were no arrests made during the period 22 December 2012 and 3 January 2013.

There was one arrest made during the period 22 December 2013 and 3 January 2014 for simple drunk. This person was charged with another offence.

The following offence codes were searched in relation to your request ie simple drunk, being drunk in licensed premises and drunkenness in a registered club. Districts A and B were searched which cover Belfast city.

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 Freedom of Information Team, 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

Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing fx@psni.police.uk.

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