



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2019-02837

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Mobile Phone Thefts

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I 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.

### Clarification sought from you the Requester

Can you confirm if you are referring to the Belfast City Policing District Area?

### Clarification received from you the Requester

I am referring to the Belfast City Policing District Area.

### Request 1

The total count of mobile phones reported stolen?

### Request 2

How many of these phones reported stolen were manufactured by Apple?

### Request 3

How many of these phones reported stolen were manufactured by Samsung?

I would like to specifically receive data regarding thefts that have taken place within Belfast City Boundaries.

Between each of these time periods:

01/04/2016 - 31/03/2017

01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018

01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019

### Answer

The table provided is based on all offences of burglary, robbery and theft where property is classified as 'stolen' and described as 'mobile phone', within the Belfast City Policing District, for the financial years 2016/17 – 2018/19.

It also includes the number of property records where one or more mobile phones were classified as

stolen and therefore it may be that multiple phones were stolen within a single property record.

The figures presented are not the total number of mobile phones classified as stolen. Phones that were manufactured by Apple or Samsung were identified based on information held in the 'make', 'model', 'common name' and 'remarks' fields.

	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Number of property records where at least one mobile phone was classified as 'stolen'	1141	874	830
Of which at least one mobile phone was manufactured by Apple	512	326	305
Of which at least one mobile phone was manufactured by Samsung	362	324	255

Please note:

This information is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

To further assist I have provided a link to the PSNI website and Statistic Branch which provides the crimes including 'theft from the person' :

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-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 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. 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 his 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.