



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2019-01073

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Hate Crime In Schools For 5 Years

### 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.

#### Request 1

Could you please tell me the number of hate crimes recorded at schools and colleges in each calendar year for the past 5 years, broken down by month?

I appreciate that the 2019 year is not yet complete, but even partial data for this year would be acceptable.

#### Request 2

And could you also provide a breakdown of the description of the hate crime (race, sexuality etc.) for each year?

#### Answers

Please find the response to your requests in the separate spreadsheet, for the number of Hate Crimes 2014 to 7th May 2019 where the modus operandi (MO) location is Education - school or college (please note university and nursery/day-care were excluded).

The school location was identified from the location MO which indicated an offence occurred at or within the vicinity of school or college premises. However please note those records may not be connected to the school as it may have occurred on school premises outside of school hours and those involved in the offence may not have any connection to the school.

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.

In addition please note that there were **no records** identified with a transphobic motivation.

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 [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.

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