

FOI 381/25-26

12 March 2026

We refer to your email dated 12 February 2026 in which you requested information. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following recorded information covering the period 2010/11 to present (financial years unless otherwise stated):

1. Annual counts of prosecution decisions, including:

- *Cases received from PSNI*
- *Decisions to prosecute*
- *Decisions not to prosecute*
- *Diversionary disposals*
- *Cases discontinued*
- *Cases withdrawn*

2. Annual conviction outcomes for cases prosecuted by PPS.

3. *Please confirm whether religious or community background data is recorded at any stage of:*

- *Case intake*
- *Decision to prosecute*
- *Diversionary decision*
- *Case outcome*

4. *Where geographic identifiers are recorded (e.g. PPS division or court division), please provide annual breakdowns by division.*

If recorded, please provide aggregated annual breakdowns.

If not recorded, please confirm explicitly that the information is not held.

Please provide the data in machine-readable format (CSV or Excel).

In response to questions 1, 2 and 4 I can advise that this information can be found within our Annual Statistical Bulletins which are published on our website [here](#). Please note this information is only available from 2011/12 onwards.

In response to question 3, please be advised that information on religious or community background is not recorded or monitored by the PPS at any stage. Therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Information Management Team
Public Prosecution Service