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I refer to your email dated 23 February 2022 in which you asked for information relating to prosecutions of indecent exposure and voyeurism. 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 terms of the Freedom of Information Act please providing a response to the following for each of the last 5 years for which figures are available:*

*The number of prosecutions for incidents of indecent exposure and also for voyeurism”.*

In response, please see tables below at **Annex A** which outlines the number of prosecutions of indecent exposure between 01/01/17 and 31/12/21, and **Annex B** which details the number of prosecutions of voyeurism between 01/01/17 and 31/12/21.

These tables should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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

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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](mailto:info@ppsni.gov.uk). You should state clearly 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**

## Annex A

### Decisions issued for offences of Indecent Exposure between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2021

Based on most serious decision issued date

Years	Indictable Prosecution	Summary Prosecution	Diversion	No Prosecution	Total
2017		-	-	19	#
2018	4	-		22	#
2019	6	-		26	#
2020	4			33	37
2021	6	-	-	24	#
<b>Total</b>	20	6	-	124	#

"-" represents a number less than 3 that has been suppressed to avoid disclosure

"#" represents a number of  $\geq 3$  which has been suppressed to avoid disclosing small numbers elsewhere.

### Offences Included

Decision Offence Code Description	Decision Offence Legislation
Indecent Exposure	Common Law
Indecent Exposure with intent to insult a female	Section 4(d) of the Vagrancy Act 1824

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## Annex B

### Decisions issued for offences of Voyeurism between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2021

Based on most serious decision issued date

Years	Indictable Prosecution	Summary Prosecution	Diversion	No Prosecution	Total
2017	3	4		9	16
2018	8	5		16	29
2019	5	13		13	31
2020	3	11	-	12	#
2021	12	5		16	33
<b>Total</b>	31	38	-	66	#

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### Offences Included

Decision Offence Code Description	Decision Offence Legislation
VOYEURISM	Section 67(1) Sexual Offences Act 2003
OPERATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOYEURISM	Section 67(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003
VOYEURISM (INSTALLING EQUIPMENT)	Section 67(4) Sexual Offences Act 2003
VOYEURISM	Article 71(1) of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008
VOYEURISM (INSTALLING EQUIPMENT) post Feb 2009	Article 71(4) of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008
VOYEURISM (RECORDING) PRE FEB 2009	Section 67(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003
VOYEURISM (RECORDING) POST FEB 2009	Article 71(3) of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

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