

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Date of Response: 15 April 2026

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information for each calendar year from 2020 to 2026 inclusive:

1. The number of cyber security breaches that have being identified that were found to be a result of a malicious threat actor (i.e. not accidental data breach)
2. The breakdown in high-level causes of these breaches as identified by cyber security incident response teams (CSIRTs), for example (but not limited to) unpatched software/hardware, lack of multi-factor authentication (MFA), leaked user credentials, lack of in-transit encryption, etc
3. The number of breaches that occurred that were attributed to a previously known vulnerability to the organisations hardware, software, policies, or processes, for example where system was known to be at risk due to being unpatched or out of support, or security controls were recommended but not enforced, and was defined within the resulting incident response report.
4. The estimated combined costs incurred as a result of cyber security breaches defined in request number one in each year.

Response

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland does not manage these service, they are managed on our behalf by the Department of Finance. This Freedom of Information Request should be directed to the Department of Finance: foi@finance-ni.gov.uk.

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way PBNI has handled your request, you have the right to request an Internal Review of the decision within two months of receiving this response letter. All FOI complaints or requests for a review should be made in writing to the Head of Communications and Compliance via the FOI mailbox: FOI@probation-ni.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right 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.

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