

PBNI disclosure Log – response to Request
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Request

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). This provision came into force on 13th April 2011.

1. What arrangements has the Probation Board for Northern Ireland put in place to comply with the statutory requirement to complete DHR's
2. How many homicides have occurred in Northern Ireland since 13th April 2011 that fit the definition of a 'Domestic Homicide' within the Act?
3. How many Individual Management Reviews (IMR's) has the Probation Board for Northern Ireland been requested to complete as part of a statutory DHR?
4. Which body made the request for the IMR?

Response

This has not yet extended to Northern Ireland and applies only to England and Wales (reference The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Commencement No. 14) Order 2011).

The Protection and Justice Subgroup (of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety) has set up a specific group comprising PBNI, PSNI and Social Services to look at DHRs pending the extension of the legislation to NI. www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

The PSNI would be the more appropriate agency, I believe, to respond specifically to your Q2. *How many homicides have occurred in Northern Ireland since 13th April 2011 that fit the definition of a 'Domestic Homicide' within the Act?*