

PBNI FOI Disclosure log – Response to Request

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Request

If possible could you please provide me with information on the following:

The number of people serving licences in the community at a given point in time for every year since 2000 broken down by gender and nationality (foreign/not foreign),

The revocation rate for parole broken down by reason e.g. technical violation/committed other offence/other.

Response

Q1) **The number of people serving licences in the community at a given point in time, for every year since 2000 broken down by gender and nationality (foreign/not foreign).**

A) As clarified in my acknowledgement, PBNI can only provide the following information from 2007, reflecting what is available electronically in respect of PBNI caseload, and within the current FOI fees limit.

Number of people on PBNI caseload serving licences in the community at 31 March 2007 to 31 March 2014 by gender								
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Female	< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4	4	8	21	31
Male	74	83	94	118	218	366	560	769
Total					222	374	581	800

This includes, Life Sentence, Article 26 Licence, Determinate Custodial Sentence (DCS), Extended Custodial Sentences (ECS), Indeterminate Custodial Sentences (ICS) and GB Transfers. The notable increase is due to the introduction of the DCS, ECS and ICS licences (ref Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008).¹

We are unable to provide the exact figures for females on licences from 2007 to 2011 because of the small numbers involved, in order to protect the Data Protection rights of the individuals concerned.

Q2) **The revocation rate for parole broken down by reason, e.g. technical violation/committed other offence/other.**

A) I had interpreted this request as seeking information on recall or revocation of licences. Subsequent to my acknowledgement, I have been advised that the most reliable source for recall information (apart from GB Transfers) is the [Department of Justice](#).

The National Offender Management Service ([NOMS](#)), should be able to provide you with information in respect of GB Licences.

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.

¹ For data retrieved from PBNI's case management system although care is taken when processing and analysing the data, the data is subject to inaccuracies inherent in any administrative data recording system. While the figures have been checked as far as practicable, they should be regarded as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number.

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