

## PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

Request Reference: 023.26.16  
Date of Request: 24 August 2016  
Date of Response: 22 September 2016

### Request

1. Could you please let me know how many prisoners released in the last 5 years have been returned to prison after their release, either for a new and separate conviction or for breaching their licence under the terms of Article 26 of the CJO96 (sex offenders sentenced prior to the coming into force of the CJO08). Could you also tell me how many prisoners released in the last 5 years have been returned to prison after their release, either for a new and separate conviction or for breaching their licence since to the coming into force of the CJO08.
2. Could you also tell me the separate rates of such cases from each prison and the prisoner categories they fall into?
3. Could you also tell me the total number of prisoners released under the aforementioned licenses in the last five years. The number for each year should be given separately.

### Response

In the last 5 years, from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2016, there were 712 individuals released from custody under PBNI supervision, returned to custody, either recalled under their licence conditions or starting a new licence that will require a period in custody followed by PBNI supervision upon release<sup>1</sup>.

You clarified that by prisoner categories you meant long-term or short term prisoners. In respect of the information PBNI holds in this regard, we have provided the length of time the individuals spent in prison prior to their release.

The percentage of people who were returned to custody as a proportion of the number of people released from custody under PBNI supervision in the last 5 years (1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016) is 32%.

The breakdown in respect of time spent in prison prior to release is as follows:  
12 months or less: 30%  
more than 12 months: 34%.

The breakdown in respect of individual HMP Establishments is as follows:  
Hydebank Wood College and Women's Prison: 41%  
Maghaberry: 41%  
Magilligan: 25%

There have been 2257 individuals released from custody under PBNI supervision in the last five years (1 April 2011- 31 March 2016). The licence type and year of release is set out in the table below.

Please note that the numbers of ECS and ICS have been combined, as the numbers subject to ICS are so low (less than 5) that PBNI considers there would be a potential risk of those individuals being identified from this information or from this and other information which may be in the public domain or known to individuals. This would breach their data protection rights as well as their right to privacy under Article 8 of the Human Rights Act.

---

<sup>1</sup> This does not include individuals returned to custody with no PBNI supervision element

Licence Type	Year of Release					Total
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
Determinate Custodial Sentence (DCS)	261	420	471	499	395	2,046
Extended Custodial Sentence (ECS) / Indeterminate Custodial Sentence (ICS)	9	20	24	39	29	121
Sex Offender Licence	19	15	19	18	19	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2,257</b>

Please note that although care is taken when processing and analysing the data retrieved from PBNI's case management system, (PIMS), all figures are provisional, subject to amendment but correct as per the information contained on PIMS at 31 July 2016.

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 may ask for an internal review using our complaints procedure. A copy of our [complaints procedure](#) is available on our website [www.pbni.org.uk](http://www.pbni.org.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.

Please note that PBNI publishes responses to requests for information on its website where we believe there may be a wider public interest. If requests are published they are anonymised i.e. details of the requester are not published.