

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

Category: PROBATION SUPERVISION

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Request and Response

Q. Can you please provide the following information for the BHSCT area for the period April 2016 to March 2017 in relation to PBNI clients and broken down to those from each Belfast locality i.e. North Belfast, East Belfast, South Belfast, West Belfast.

1. Number of people supervised (total and split by North, South, East and West)
2. Number of people supervised as a result of a drug or alcohol related offence
3. Number of people identified to have a drug or alcohol problem
4. Gender, age band and locality (N, S, E and W) breakdown of people identified to have a drug or alcohol problem
5. The primary substance used by clients seen
6. The main secondary substance used by clients seen
7. Outcomes for clients related to their drug or alcohol use e.g. use reduced/stopped, increased levels of family engagement, any others measured ... NB please specify outcome measurement tools used within the service
8. Numbers of clients where family members also received support. Please specify whether as part of the service or via onward external referral
9. Numbers of people identified to have drug or alcohol, issues that also presented with mental health issues diagnosed or declared/suspected

Q1 Number of people supervised (total and split by North, South, East and West)

At 28 February 2018, there were 4,153 people on the PBNI caseload; of these 1,159 people were resident in the community in one of the Belfast Assembly Areas, as outlined in the table below:

Belfast East	156
Belfast North	434
Belfast South	245
Belfast West	324
TOTAL	1,159

Q2. Number of people supervised as a result of a drug or alcohol related offence

At 28 February 2018, there were 4,153 people on the PBNI caseload; of these 562 people were on the PBNI caseload for a conviction of a drugs offence, i.e. possession/selling/making/smuggling drugs. As clarified in our acknowledgement there is no alcohol offence category and we do not currently have information that enables us to confirm if someone's offence was committed as a result of drug or alcohol intake.

Q3. Number of people identified to have a drug or alcohol problem

During 2016/17, 3,046 people started an Order with PBNI, 2,756 (90%) of whom had an ACE¹ risk assessment recorded within one year of starting. Of these 2,756 people, 2,122 were deemed to have either a drug and/or alcohol related problem.

Q4. Gender, age band and locality (N, S, E and W) breakdown of people identified to have a drug or alcohol problem

¹ Assessment, case management and evaluation system.

Following on from response to Q3 above, please see tables below illustrating distribution of gender, conviction age, and specific PBNI teams.

Female	214
Male	1,908
Total	2,122

Less than 20 Years Old	181
20-24 Years Old	516
25-29 Years Old	498
30-39 Years Old	583
40-49 Years Old	218
50 Years Old Plus	126
Total	2,122

Belfast	949
Rural	625
Specialist	92
Custody	452
Total	2,118*
* 4 people were allocated to other PBNI teams	

- Q5. The primary substance used by clients seen**
Q6. The main secondary substance used by clients seen

You confirmed (by email of 26 March 2018) you were content to withdraw these questions from your overall request.

- Q7. Outcomes for clients related to their drug or alcohol use e.g. use reduced/stopped, increased levels of family engagement, any others measured ... NB please specify outcome measurement tools used within the service**

As confirmed in our acknowledgement, PBNI does not hold this information.

- Q8. Numbers of clients where family members also received support. Please specify whether as part of the service or via onward external referral.**

As confirmed in our acknowledgement, PBNI does not hold this information.

- Q9. Numbers of people identified to have drug or alcohol issues that also presented with mental health issues diagnosed or declared/suspected**

As outlined previously at Q3 and Q4, during 2016/17, 3,046 people started an Order with PBNI, 2,756 (90%) of whom had an ACE risk assessment recorded within one year of starting.

Of these 2,756 people, 2,122 were deemed to have either a drug and/or alcohol related problem. Of these 2,122 people who were deemed to have either a drug and/or alcohol related problem, 689 people were also deemed to have a mental health related problem.

You may be able to obtain specific or general information regarding substance misuse from other organisations such as: [Addiction NI](#); [Extern](#); [NIACRO](#); [PSNI](#); [Public Health Agency](#)

You may also be aware of a new problem solving initiative in respect of a [Substance Misuse Court](#) which will involve NI Courts and Tribunal Service, PBNI and other relevant agencies and is at the pilot stage of development within the Belfast Area. Relevant statistics will become available as the initiative is evaluated.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

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