

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Request

- a) For each of the last five years and by geographical area, broken down by year, please outline the number of people who are serving court order sentences in the community for the following:
- i) community orders
 - ii) suspended sentence orders
 - iii) cases occurring to those residing in approved premises
- b) For each of the last five years and by geographical area, broken down by year, please outline the number of people who are on post release supervision after completing a custodial sentence.
- c) For each of the above questions, please also detail the number of people, per year, per geographical area, who have died whilst under probation supervision.
- d) Please also outline the cause of death in these examples. e.g. murder, suicide, drugs, etc

Response:

Response A

- i) Table 1: Count of service users serving community orders [Note 1] by Local Government District [Note 2] and financial year [Note 3]

Local Government District	Financial Year 2019/20	Financial Year 2020/21	Financial Year 2021/22	Financial Year 2022/23	Financial Year 2023/24
Antrim and Newtownabbey	131	87	123	138	154
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	212	137	154	176	165
Belfast	691	503	545	614	574
Causeway Coast and Glens	124	61	103	103	107
Derry City and Strabane	205	126	140	161	119
Fermanagh and Omagh	105	63	86	101	94
Lisburn and Castlereagh	235	149	213	188	171
Mid and East Antrim	156	100	183	165	165
Mid Ulster	124	72	125	114	137
Newry, Mourne and Down	136	57	117	107	132
Ards and North Down	148	73	113	117	110
Address unknown or outside NI	155	102	117	108	99
Total service users serving community orders	2,422	1,530	2,019	2,092	2,027

Note 1 Community Orders include Combination Orders, Community Service Orders, Probation Orders and Enhanced Combination Orders.

Note 2 Data can only be provided based on the default address recorded for each service user. This means the address may not be the address the service user resided in at the time their order started. Service users residing in prison or in short-term accommodation e.g. hostels often have this address recorded rather than a home address.

Note 3 For a service user to be counted in the financial year the start date of their order (for community orders) or the actual date of release (for custodial sentences) must fall within the financial year.

- ii) PBNI does not have any role with suspended sentence orders.

- iii) Table 2: Count of service users residing in approved premises [Note 4] serving community orders [Note 1] by Local Government District [Note 2] and financial year [Note 3]

Local Government District	Financial Year 2021/22	Financial Year 2022/23	Financial Year 2023/24
Antrim and Newtownabbey	2	1	0
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	1	0	0
Belfast	2	3	1
Causeway Coast and Glens	1	0	0
Derry City and Strabane	1	0	1
Fermanagh and Omagh	0	0	1
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3	2	3
Mid and East Antrim	0	1	0
Mid Ulster	0	1	0
Newry, Mourne and Down	0	0	0
Ards and North Down	0	0	0
Address unknown or outside NI	0	0	1
Total service users	10	8	7

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Note 4 Robust data for service users residing in approved premises is only available from 2021/22 onwards.

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Table 3: Count of service users on post release supervision after completing a custodial sentence [Note 5] by Local Government District [Note 2] and financial year [Note 3]

Local Government District	Financial Year 2019/20	Financial Year 2020/21	Financial Year 2021/22	Financial Year 2022/23	Financial Year 2023/24
Antrim and Newtownabbey	28	9	13	21	21
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	27	26	22	40	49
Belfast	102	103	102	118	138
Causeway Coast and Glens	23	22	45	32	34
Derry City and Strabane	36	29	23	29	43
Fermanagh and Omagh	4	5	7	14	7
Lisburn and Castlereagh	69	118	113	127	94
Mid and East Antrim	20	7	23	22	22
Mid Ulster	13	9	7	16	13
Newry, Mourne and Down	23	14	16	17	19
Ards and North Down	11	13	9	17	17
Address unknown or outside NI	34	44	36	49	46
Total service users	390	399	416	502	503

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Note 5 Custodial Sentences include Custody Probation Orders, Determinate Custodial Sentences, Extended Custodial Sentences, Indeterminate Custodial Sentences, Life Licences and Sex Offender Licences.

Table 4: Count of service users on post release supervision residing in approved premises [Note 4] after completing a custodial sentence [Note 5] by Local Government District [Note 2] and financial year [Note 3]

Local Government District	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Antrim and Newtownabbey	1	3	1
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	4	7	13
Belfast	9	25	43
Causeway Coast and Glens	3	2	5
Derry City and Strabane	0	3	3
Fermanagh and Omagh	0	0	0
Lisburn and Castlereagh	13	14	13
Mid and East Antrim	2	2	2
Mid Ulster	2	2	2
Newry, Mourne and Down	2	3	2
Ards and North Down	1	0	0
Address unknown or outside NI	5	7	9
Total service users	42	68	93

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Table 5: Count of service users who have died whilst under PBNI supervision by Team [Note 6] and financial year.

Team	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
North Belfast & South East Antrim	4	1	6	4	3
South & East Belfast	8	4	9	9	2
Down & Ards	4	3	3	2	5
West Belfast & Lisburn	2	4	1	5	1
North West	11	2	2	2	0
Rural South	2	7	3	1	0
Rural West	2	0	2	6	4
North Antrim	2	4	1	8	3
Mid Ulster	0	0	2	2	0
Aspire	1	2	2	1	0
Substance Misuse Court	0	2	0	1	0
ISU Belfast	0	2	3	5	1
ISU Rural	0	0	0	0	3
INSPIRE	2	0	1	1	0
Total	38	31	35	47	22

Note 6 This information is recorded at team level rather than Local Government District.

Response D

PBNI are unable to provide this information as we do not receive notification of the official cause of death information recorded on the service user's death certificate.

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