

25 February 2025

REFERENCE: FOI25\26

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information dated 23rd February 2025, as detailed below.

‘I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of cases relating to offences commonly referred to as "revenge porn" that resulted in a conviction in Northern Ireland in the calendar year 2024 (up to the most recent available data).
2. The number of cases relating to offences commonly referred to as "revenge porn" that resulted in a conviction in Northern Ireland in the calendar year 2023.

If fulfilling both parts of this request would exceed the cost limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, I would ask that priority be given to providing data for the year 2024 only.’

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

The information you have requested is provided below:

Provisional figures for 2024, the most recent available data, indicate there were 14 cases dealt with at courts where there was a conviction for the offence of threatening to disclose or disclosing private sexual images/photographs/film with the intent to cause distress. The number of convictions for such cases dealt with in 2023, the most recent year for which official statistics are available, was 12.

Note:

1. Figures for convictions relate to initial disposals at court. Appeals are not included.
2. Figures relate to defendants who were convicted at court for at least one of the offences specified.
3. Offences included fall under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) Act 2016.
4. Figures for 2024 are based on management information and should be considered provisional.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DoJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

If you wish to discuss this please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager