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Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information dated 19th January 2022 and detailed below:

Please can I request, under the Freedom of Information Act, figures at local authority level on TV licence prosecutions.

Specifically:

- 1. The number of people living in each local authority area of Northern Ireland who were a) prosecuted for and b) convicted of non-payment of a TV licence from January 1 2021 to December 31 2021.*
- 2. The number of people aged 75 and over living in each local authority area of Northern Ireland who were a) prosecuted for and b) convicted of non-payment of a TV licence from January 1 2021 to December 31 2021.*

If no figures are held at local authority level, please could you instead provide separate figures for each court in Northern Ireland.

The Department has checked Departmental datasets and found the following number of prosecutions and convictions for cases dealt with at courts in 2021, in relation to TV licence offences. As finalised figures for prosecutions and convictions at courts in 2021 are not due to be published until late spring 2022, figures are provisional. There were no prosecutions or convictions where the defendant was aged 75 or over at the time a case was dealt with in 2021.



Prosecutions and convictions at courts for TV licence offences by local government district, 2021

Local Government District	prosecutions	convictions
UNKNOWN	11	8
ANTRIM	32	21
ARDS	37	18
ARMAGH	26	13
BALLYMENA	36	23
BALLYMONEY	20	11
BANBRIDGE	23	15
BELFAST	50	30
CARRICKFERGUS	*	*
CASTLEREAGH	14	10
COLERAINE	14	9
COOKSTOWN	19	11
CRAIGAVON	101	75
DERRY	153	108
DOWN	16	12
DUNGANNON	23	15
FERMANAGH	*	*
LARNE	12	11
LIMAVADY	29	23
LISBURN	46	27
MAGHERAFELT	31	25
MOYLE	6	*



NEWRY & MOURNE	45	33
NEWTOWNABBEY	*	*
NORTH DOWN	7	*
OMAGH	16	11
STRABANE	20	12
Total	795	532

Note:

1. Figures relate to initial disposal only. Appeals are not included.
2. Figures relate to local government district of defendant at time case dealt with.
3. Figures are provisional.

'*' means a figure of 3 or less has been treated under rules of disclosure.

#' means a figure of more than 3 has been treated to prevent disclosure of small numbers elsewhere.

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Yours sincerely

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