

Access to Public Information Response

December 18th 2014

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on December 18th 2014:

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to apply for some information in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information.

I request this information from the Guernsey Police.

I would like to know how many criminal offences reported do not lead to an arrest or cannot be investigated due to the accused leaving the island.

States of Guernsey response December 19th 2014:

We do not record statistics in exactly the way in which you have requested. However, I can tell you that in 2013, (*for example*) there were 1679 criminal offences recorded by Guernsey Police. Of that number 108 were found not to be crimes and 765 were detected. (Most detected crimes involve at least one arrest). There are 806 crimes outstanding from that year. Some of the outstanding crimes would have involved an arrest, however generally a crime is not recorded as detected unless there is sufficient evidence to support a criminal charge.

The number of cases in 2013 where there is a person of interest currently outside the jurisdiction and cannot be reached is 15.

A comprehensive law enforcement statistical digest can be found in the annual reports, available on the Guernsey Police website. Details for 2014 will be collated and published in 2015