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Dear Mr McCrea,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many incidents of elderly people being assaulted in their homes have been recorded in the (i) Magherafelt; and (ii) Cookstown Council areas in each of the last 5 years.

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

Please find the information you seek appended to this letter.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McCaughan'.

JOHN MCCAUGHAN
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for Chief Constable

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Recorded assault¹ and robbery offences where the offence occurred at a dwelling² and victim was aged³ 65+ years

	Magherafelt	Cookstown
2005/06	4	4
2006/07	5	6
2007/08	4	5
2008/09	5	7
2009/10		10

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Assault offences include GBH with intent, Wounding with intent, GBH, Wounding, AOABH and common/aggravated assault.

² These figures are based on recorded offences where Modus Operandi information indicates the occurrence to have taken place at a dwelling. It is not possible to identify if the victim permanently resided at the premises.

³ In some cases it is not possible to identify age information of victims. The proportion of Northern Ireland violent crime and domestic burglary offences where the victim age was unknown is 2.3% in 2005/06, 2.0% in 2006/07, 2.9% in 2007/08, 2.7% in 2008/09 and 3.6% in 2009/10.

Please Note:

These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

Disclosure control has been applied to these data: Where individual cells have a value of 1, 2 or 3, categories have been aggregated to higher levels. This is to ensure that the identity of individuals, or any private information relating to them is not revealed.