

Question:

The number of incidents involving a breach of a Safe Access Zone (as defined under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023) during the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and all data available for 2026.

Response:

I am writing to advise you that this information in relation to the first two years of operation is already in the public domain (section 21(1)). The Department of Health publishes this information in yearly reports. These can be found using the following links:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/safe-access-zones-annual-report-december-2024>

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/safe-access-zones-annual-report-december-2025>

The Department does not currently hold data for subsequent periods, however information regarding Safe Access Zone breaches covering the time period 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026 will be published in the next annual report, which is expected to be before the end of this calendar year.

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