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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02578

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** DRUG DOG OPERATIONS

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many passive drug dog operations were conducted in the NI Policing Area in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and so far in 2009?

#### Answer

2005 Nil  
2006 Nil  
2007 39  
2008 53  
2009 28

In 2008/2009

#### Question 2

What types of location were the operations conducted in (train/tube stations, Pubs, Clubs, etc) and how many in each type of location.

#### Answer

2008  
Airports 22  
Docks 19  
Pubs/Clubs 8  
Outdoor Music Events 4

2009  
Airports 11  
Docks 12  
Pubs/Clubs 3  
Outdoor Music Events 2

#### Question 3

How many people were searched as a result of a dog indication at each operation?

#### Answer

2008  
Airports 5  
Docks 2  
Pubs/Clubs 4  
Outdoor Music Events 34

2009  
Airports 2  
Docks 0  
Pubs/Clubs 2  
Outdoor Music Events 11

**Question 4**

How many of those searched as a result of the sniffer dog's indication were subsequently found to have Class A drugs in their possession?

**Answer**

Class A - 11

**Question 5**

As above but with reference to (a) those subsequently found to have Class B drugs in their possession and (b) those subsequently found to have Class C drugs in their possession.

**Answer**

Class B - 1  
Class C - 5

**Question 6**

How many of those searched and found in possession of Class A Drugs were dealt with by way of No Further Action/Caution/Prosecution?

**Answer**

Class A - 11 Prosecutions

**Question 7**

As above with regard to (a) those found in possession of Class B drugs and (b) those found in possession of Class C drugs?

**Answer**

Class B - 1 Prosecution  
Class C - 1 Prosecution, 4 Cautions

**Question 8**

What proportion of those found in possession of Class A drugs and subsequently prosecuted were charged with Supply related Offences/Possession/Other Offences?

**Answer**

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**Question 9**

As above but with regard to (a) those found in possession of Class B drugs and (b) those found in possession of Class C drugs?

**Answer**

Nil

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