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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00490  
**Keyword:** Road Policing  
**Subject:** Statistics - Drink/Drug Driving

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

### Question

I would like to request recent up to date statistics around drug driving including a breakdown of age groups, gender, type of drug used.

You subsequently agreed to refinement of this question as follows; I would like the statistics of the number of people charged with drug/drink driving from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. If the stats for this month are currently unavailable then I would request the statistics for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

### Answer

Please find attached table, below.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner

will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

<b>Offences of Driving &amp; In Charge Whilst Unfit Through Drink or Drugs in January 2010</b>		
	Driving	In Charge
Arrests	69	7
Charged	37	6
Reported	23	1
Charged with other offence	2	0
On Continuing Bail	5	0
Released Unconditionally	2	0
Male	61	7
Female	8	0
Age < or equal 20	8	1
Age 21 - 30	26	2
Age 31 - 40	13	3
Age 41 - 50	16	0
Age 51 - 60	3	0
Age > 61	3	1