



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02916

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Safety Cameras

### 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 1

Please could you supply the following data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Details of who manages the safety cameras in your area – for example, is it a safety camera partnership with the council, or is it just run by the police?

### Answer

In Northern Ireland the local councils do not currently hold any responsibility for Road Safety. Consequently the NI Safety Camera Scheme Board is comprised of representatives from The Department of Environment, Regional Development (Roads Service) and Justice, the Police Service, NI Policing Board and the NI Court Service.

### Question 2

A list of the different types of fixed or mobile safety cameras installed in your area (e.g. SPECS or average speed camera, GATSO, etc) with a brief explanation of how it works (e.g. digitally, issues fines automatically, wet film, etc).

### Answer

Fixed speed cameras – digital  
Fixed red light running cameras – digital  
Average speed cameras – digital  
Mobile speed camera - video

### Question 3

Could you then supply the number of each type of safety camera used in your area and a breakdown of the type of road where they are located on (e.g. motorway or A-road) and the speed motorists are expected to adhere to for that camera. Where the limit is variable, please could you put that and if possible, a range of speeds for that camera.

**Answer**

4 x fixed speed cameras – all on 'A' roads with the speed limit on three of them being 30mph and the fourth 40mph.

6 x red light running cameras – all on 'A' class roads.

1 x average speed camera site – on an 'A' class road with 50mph and 60 mph speed limits.

8 x Mobile speed cameras – covering Motorways and 'A' and 'B' class roads.

Further information can be accessed via the PSNI website by using the link provided below:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/advice-and-legislation/safety\\_cameras/advice\\_locations.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/advice-and-legislation/safety_cameras/advice_locations.htm)

**Question 4**

Could you then provide an Excel datasheet showing the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued by camera type for the last 12 months, and for each year for the previous four years as a minimum, or up to 10 years if that is available. I imagine the rows would represent the camera type and the columns the years.

Could you also supply data on the average amount by which motorists exceed the speed limit at each of the different camera types listed (e.g. by 10mph).

**Answer**

Please see the tables at the end of this correspondence.

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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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

**The Number of Detections at NI Road Safety Partnership Sites, 2004/05 to 2010/11**

Camera Type	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
							Issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice	Completed a Course
<b>Mobile Speed Cameras</b>	10020	9587	9721	12039	14405	20402	19303	17543
<b>Fixed Speed Cameras</b>	5634	2869	3485	3767	2728	2364	4652	5356
<b>SPECs</b>	-	-	14	63	22	2	85	42
<b>RLR Camera</b>	-	-	-	435	720	802	877	-
<b>Total</b>	15654	12456	13220	16304	17875	23570	24915	22943

These figures are provisional and subject to change.

These figures may contain detections that are subsequently cancelled.

The NI Road Safety Partnership was launched in July 2003 with the name Northern Ireland Safety Camera Partnership. 2004/05 is therefore the first full financial year for which figures are available.

Speed awareness courses were introduced for eligible drivers in June 2010 as an alternative to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

**The average amount by which motorists exceed the speed limit at NI Road Safety Partnership Sites\***

<b>Mobile Speed Cameras</b>	12 mph
<b>Fixed Speed Cameras</b>	11 mph
<b>SPECs</b>	16 mph

\* These figures are taken from NIRSP detections from June 2010 when the StarTraq system was introduced to August 2011.