



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02844

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Speed Cameras in Banbridge

### 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.

#### Question 1

Please tell me: - The location of speed/safety cameras throughout the Banbridge district and the types of camera at each location.

#### Question 2

The number of motorists detected driving over the speed limit by each camera in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and to date in 2011 (either by speed camera or by calibrated speedometers, laser devices etc).

#### Question 3

The highest speeds detected for each of the above years and in which specific area/road e.g. the motorist was driving at X speed in a X mph speed limit zone.

#### Question 4

How many Fixed Penalty notices were issued to speeding motorists in the Banbridge district in each of the above years? And how many of these were paid off without going to court each year?

#### Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 (18 hours).

In relation to questions 2 and 3 the retrieval process would require a manual trawl of all speed related Fixed Penalties issued throughout the province to ascertain the individual method of detection. In relation to question 4 the same process would be required to identify those issued in Banbridge during the last 4 - 5 years. It is estimated that this process would take approximately 80 hours which

would greatly exceed the cost limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act. I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit. Roads Policing has confirmed that in relation to question 2 of your request they could provide total numbers for (a) officer detections (which will encompass the various methods) and (b) safety camera generated detections subject to any relevant exemptions.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

Although excess cost removes the PSNI's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have provided below the information which was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of the request.

#### **Answer 1**

Full details of all locations and fixed/mobile is available on the PSNI website via the link provided below:

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

#### **Answer 4**

PSNI do not process the payments, this function is the responsibility of the NI Court Service.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.