



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02021  
**Keyword:** Road Policing  
**Subject:** Traffic Castlehill Road Belfast

**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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request the following information regarding traffic accidents or collisions and speed information on the Castlehill Road, which connects Massey Avenue, to the Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast

**Question 1**

How many accidents involving injury have there been over the last number of years. You can select the time frame best suited to your records but I would suggest 5 or 10 or more years. I have lived in the area for 51 years.

**Answer**

**CASTLEHILL ROAD, BELFAST**

**ACCOUNTING PERIOD 1 APRIL 2006 – 31 MARCH 2011**

<b>FATAL COLLISIONS</b>	<b>SERIOUS COLLISIONS</b>	<b>SLIGHT COLLISIONS</b>	<b>ALL COLLISIONS</b>
0	1	3	4
<b>KILLED</b>	<b>SERIOUSLY INJURED</b>	<b>SLIGHTLY INJURED</b>	<b>ALL CASUALTIES</b>
0	1	5	6

## Question 2

How many accidents have there been NOT involving injury over the same periods.

### Answer

PSNI only record injury collisions.

## Question 3

How many accidents have there been involving pedestrians, cyclists or school children.

### Answer

The information can only be provided for accidents where there have been casualties, I can advise there were no collisions involving pedestrian casualties, pedal cycles or casualties travelling to / from school.

## Question 4

If you have surveyed the speed of traffic or had speed cameras in use, how many vehicles have exceeded the speed limit and if possible how many have not - where not is I suggest as (a) under 36mph. Please categorise this as say (b) 36 to 40mph, (c) 41 to 50 mph and (d) Over 50mph. You can use other categories to fit in with your information provided you specify this in your answer. I am most interested between the hours of 6am to 10pm. And I would welcome the time period in years this refers to – i.e. from 2000 to 2011 or whatever.

### Answer

Please find the results of traffic surveys carried out by PSNI provided in the table below:

Date of Visit	Time of Visit	Speed Recorded in MPH	Advice & Warning	Fixed Penalty Ticket	Prosecutions	Total Detections	
23 September 2009	13:15 – 13:30					0	
25 September 2009	14:25 – 15:05	45,46 & 50		3		3	
26 September 2009	10-11:10 & 14:55-15:10	45,46,46,46 & 47		5		5	
29 September 2009	20:00-21:00	48 & 50	2	2		4	
30 September 2009	21:20-21:35	45		1		1	
21 October 2009	19:05 – 19:45	Not available	9			9	
28 January 2010	11:40-12:30	45 & 49		2		2	
23 February 2010	14:30	45		1		1	
24 February 2010	12:45	Not available		1		1	
26 February 2010	19:50	46		1		1	
22 June 2010	1500 - 1545	Not available		4		4	
				<b>Total 11</b>	<b>Total 20</b>	<b>Total 0</b>	<b>Total 31</b>

## Question 5

How many Fixed Penalty Tickets have been issued and how many Prosecutions have there been. In both cases state the numbers successful and the numbers which were unsuccessful and if possible the years and whether there has been a decline or an increase.

### Answer

There have been a total of 72 Endorsable Fixed Penalty notices issued to motorists on the Castlehill Road since the year 2000 - 2011, 55 of which were speed related offences. A total of 6 of these cases went to prosecution as a result of non-production of documents. PSNI have no information as to the outcome of these prosecutions. This information would be held by the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service.

The total number of motorists detected speeding per year on the Castlehill Road, are as follows: 2000 = 9, 2001 = 5, 2002 = 2, 2003 = 8, 2004 = 3, 2005 = 1, 2006 = 0, 2007 = 7, 2008 = 0, 2009 = 11, 2010 = 9 and 2011 = 0.

#### **Question 6**

Can you confirm that there are approximately 2000 vehicles per day using this road?

#### **Answer**

It can be confirmed that over 2000 vehicles use the road daily.

#### **Question 7**

If you are unable to answer any of the above questions for Castlehill Road, can you help with any information which would be of help to me in determining the safety or otherwise of this well used through route?

#### **Answer**

Roads Service may be able to provide any additional information required.

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.