



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01072

Keyword: Crime

Subject: 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 1

I wish to apply for a full disclosure of the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Statistics showing the number of arrests made for drug driving in each policing district for the last three years- 2011/10, 2010/09, 2009/08.

Question 2

Of these arrests, please provide a breakdown of age group, gender and the type of drugs used in the last three years- 2011/10, 2010/09, 2009/08.

Answer

You previously clarified that you would be content to receive statistics of the number of people charged with drink/drug related offences, including a breakdown of age in the following categories: 1-20 inclusive, 21-30 inclusive, 31-40 inclusive, 41-50 inclusive, 51-60 inclusive and over 60.

As previously advised in our request for clarification, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the type of drug taken, as there are no specific fields within our recording systems to record this information.

Please see the table at the end of this correspondence detailing the number of arrests for the following offences:

- . Driving when unfit through drink or drugs
- . Attempting to drive when unfit through drink or drugs
- . In charge when unfit through drink or drugs

Question 3

The total number of reported road traffic collision fatalities attributed to drug driving in the last three years- 2011/10, 2010/09, 2009/08.

Answer

Please see the table provided below detailing the number of persons killed in recorded injury road traffic collisions where the principal causation factor was 'Impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal) – driver/rider.'

Year	Killed
2008/2009 ¹	21
2009/2010 ¹	16
2010/2011	0

¹ Please note the causation factor prior to the 1st April 2010 was 'Alcohol/drugs – driver/rider' and is unable to be split.

Question 4

The total number of reported road traffic collision casualties seriously injured attributed to drug driving in the last three years- 2011/10, 2010/09, 2009/08.

Answer

Please see the table provided below detailing the number of persons seriously injured in recorded injury road traffic collisions where the principal causation factor was 'Impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal) – driver/rider'

Year	Seriously Injured
2008/2009 ¹	130
2009/2010 ¹	88
2010/2011	9

¹ Please note the causation factor prior to the 1st April 2010 was 'Alcohol/drugs – driver/rider' and is unable to be split.

Question 5

The total number of initial roadside breath tests for drugs carried out in the last three years- 2011/10, 2010/09, 2009/08.

Answer

Roads Policing has advised that breath tests can only establish the presence of alcohol and are not carried out for drug testing.

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.

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.psnipolice.uk

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

	Total Arrested	Male	Female	Transgendered	Gender Unknown/ Unavailable
<u>2008 - 2009</u>					
Age 1-20 inclusive	230	216	14	0	0
Age 21-30 inclusive	499	452	47	0	0
Age 31-40 inclusive	332	297	35	0	0
Age 41-50 inclusive	281	238	42	1	0
Age 51-60 inclusive	122	95	27	0	0
Age Over 60	63	58	5	0	0
Age Unclassified	3	2	0	0	1
<u>2009 - 2010</u>					
Age 1-20 inclusive	189	176	13	0	0
Age 21-30 inclusive	468	438	30	0	0
Age 31-40 inclusive	286	232	54	0	0
Age 41-50 inclusive	254	199	55	0	0
Age 51-60 inclusive	117	97	20	0	0
Age Over 60	43	37	6	0	0
Age Unclassified	3	0	0	0	3
<u>2010 - 2011</u>					
Age 1-20 inclusive	156	148	8	0	0
Age 21-30 inclusive	402	360	42	0	0
Age 31-40 inclusive	275	243	32	0	0
Age 41-50 inclusive	196	165	31	0	0
Age 51-60 inclusive	89	70	19	0	0
Age Over 60	41	38	3	0	0
Age Unclassified	1	0	1	0	0