



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-04695

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Out of Court Disposals

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information. The number of people subject to an out of court disposal in Northern Ireland, per year, 2004-2012. By an out of court disposal I mean any criminal justice disposal outside those given by the courts, e.g. fixed penalties, cautions, warnings and referrals.

#### 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.

To ensure all recorded information held by PSNI was retrieved, it was necessary to consult more than one business area; therefore the retrieved information has been provided by separate departments within PSNI.

#### Non-Court Disposals

Please see the table below detailing recorded information by PSNI including: Caution, Informed Warning, Restorative Caution and Youth Conference for the period 2004 up to 28/11/2009.

Year	Non-Court Disposals Issued
2004	2451
2005	3417
2006	5274
2007	7068
2008	7225
2009	8937

## Non- Court Disposals

Information recorded for 2009 onwards is provided separately due to a change in the recording system. Please see the table below detailing Non-Court Disposals recorded by PSNI including: Caution, Informed Warning, Driver Improvement Scheme, Community Based Restorative Justice and Youth Conference for the period 28/11/2009 - 2012.

Year	Non-Court Disposals Issued
2009 (28/11/09 - 31/12/09)	1709
2010	9907
2011	8581
2012	8299

## Fixed Penalty Notices and Speed Awareness Courses

Fixed Penalty Notices issued for traffic offences can be accessed via the PSNI website using the link provided below:

[http://www.psnipolice.uk/directory/updates/updates\\_statistics/fix\\_penalty\\_updates.htm](http://www.psnipolice.uk/directory/updates/updates_statistics/fix_penalty_updates.htm)

Please see the table below detailing the number of drivers who have completed a Speed Awareness Course following a detection for speeding by a police officer. Please note Speed Awareness Courses commenced 1 June 2010.

Year	Speed Awareness Courses Attended
2010 (June - Dec)	2823
2011	3679
2012	1951

## Discretionary Disposals

Please see the table below detailing the number of Discretionary Disposals. Please note these came into effect in March 2010.

Year	Discretionary Disposals Issued
2010 (March - Dec)	946
2011	13,677
2012	19,536

Please see the table below detailing the number of Penalty Notices for Disorder (PND). Please note these came into effect in June 2012.

Year	PNDs Issued
2012 (June - Dec)	1178

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.