



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04179

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Further Details Regarding Collisions At Armaghbreague Crossroads

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Follow on from response to F-2013-03766. I note the following results "there have been 2 minor collisions at this junction which have resulted in 3 minor injuries". Please can you provide any further information on the above which may be provided without breaching any personal data requirements under Data Protection Act, namely:

We basically need any further information which can be disclosed relating to the above incidents which the PSNI can disclose, without breaching any personal data requirements.

The dates of collisions - I am assuming they occurred on separate dates?

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

The accidents happened in 2003 and 2007.

Question 2

The types of vehicles involved - (tractor hit a car, car hit a car etc)

Answer

One accident involved 2 cars while the other involved a van and a tractor.

Question 3

The circumstances of the accident - car left the road, car crossed the lanes to hit the other car etc

Answer

The PSNI do not have any details other than the causation factor as given in answer to question 6 for one of the collisions, while in the other a vehicle was overtaking another vehicle which was turning right.

Question 4

Details of any injuries (names or persons involved do not need to be disclosed) - broken bones,

bruising, whiplash, etc

Answer

The severity of the 3 persons injured in the 2 collisions was described as 'slight'. This is defined as 'an injury of a minor character such as a sprain, bruise or cut not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention.'

Question 5

Details of any police prosecutions brought as a result - caution/ careless driving/ driving without due care and attention etc (names do not need to be disclosed)

Answer

The Police Service Of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not have any information on prosecutions brought against any of the drivers involved in the 2 collisions.

Question 6

Details of cause of accident - driver distraction? Car crossing to wrong side of road etc...

Answer

The principal causation factors were assessed by Police as 'Crossing or entering a road junction without care' and 'overtaking on off side without care.'

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