



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-03624

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Out Of Court Disposal / Criminal Justice Disposal NI 2013

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I would be grateful if you could provide information in relation to the number of people subject to an out of court disposal in Northern Ireland in 2013. 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.

For reference, similar requests have been made for previous years (F-2013-04695).

#### 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.

The information is not held within a central location in PSNI therefore I had to consult with each area and it is provided below under the different headings.

#### Fixed Penalties:

In 2013, there were a **total of 1,310** of drivers who have completed a speed awareness course following detection for speeding by a police officer.

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

[http://www.psni.police.uk/directory/updates/updates\\_statistics/fixed\\_penalty\\_updates.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/directory/updates/updates_statistics/fixed_penalty_updates.htm)

#### Discretionary Disposals:

In 2013, there were a **total of 16,416** of Discretionary Disposals (DDs) and a **total of 3426** of Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs).

#### Non-Court Disposals:

In 2013, there were a **total of 9436**, of non-court disposals which include Warnings, Cautions, Driver Improvement Scheme and Youth Conference.

**Please note that although the non-court disposals were issued in 2013 not all the offence dates occurred in 2013 as a number of offences occurred in 2012.**

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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