



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05626

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Cycling Offences

Request and Answer:

Question

Please provide under Freedom of Information legislation, the number of cyclists warned and the number of cyclists fined for the following offences in each of the past five years:

Speeding / Cycling on the pavement / Running Red Lights / Dangerous or Reckless Cycling

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.

Please find attached the figures for the number of pedal cyclists warned or issued Fixed Penalty Notice for Dangerous / Careless Cycling for the years 2009 to 2014.

Please note the following points in regard to the other requested information –

1. No offence exists for pedal cyclists speeding.
2. Cycling on the pavement is dealt with under the offence of 'Failing to Drive in Nearside Lane'. This is not an offence specific to pedal cyclists and vehicle type is not recorded when this offence is issued so therefore we cannot determine how many were for pedal cyclists
3. Running red lights is dealt with under the offence of 'Breach of Traffic Sign'. This is not an offence specific to pedal cyclists and vehicle type is not recorded when this offence is issued so therefore we cannot determine how many were for pedal cyclists.

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.psni.police.uk

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

Number of Pedal Cyclists Warned or issued Fixed Penalty Notice for Dangerous / Careless Cycling: 2009 - 2014

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Jan-Oct 2014
Discretionary Disposal						
CYCLING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	0	1	13	13	6	11
CYCLING WITHOUT REASONABLE CONSIDERATION	0	0	3	0	1	0
DANGEROUS CYCLING	0	1	5	9	3	8
Caution						
CYCLING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	1	2	5	5	2	0
DANGEROUS CYCLING	1	2	0	1	1	0
Warning						
CYCLING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	0	1	2	1	2	0
DANGEROUS CYCLING	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fixed Penalty Notice						
DANGEROUS CYCLING	5	5	6	6	4	3

Please Note:

Figures are provisional and subject to change

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch, PSNI