



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03482

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Driving Offender Courses

Request and Answer:

Question 1

These questions refer to driving offender courses currently administered by NDORS, namely the Speed Awareness Course, Driver Alertness Course, RIDE, What's Driving Us?, and Driving 4 Change.

How many offers for each NDORS course was made in each calendar year from 2010 to 2013, and for the first six months of 2014?

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 at the end of this correspondence the total number of offers for each course driving offender from March 2010 when PSNI commenced the courses until May 2014. The names of courses are as follows:

NDIS - National Driver Improvement Scheme
NDAC - National Driver Alertness Course
NSAC - National Speed Awareness Course

Please note that PSNI do not run the courses What's Driving Us? and Driving 4 Change.

Question 2

How many driving offenders completed each NDORS course in each calendar year from 2010 to 2013, and for the first six months of 2014?

Answer

Please find in the table below the number of completions based on income received from NDORS/RSS:

	NDIS	NSAC
2010	163	9,295
2011	287	19,580
2012	404	27,019
2013	393	27,330
2014	193	10,517

Please note the information for 2014 is only available at present from January to May.

Question 3

For each period and for each NDORS course, how many offending drivers were not offered a course for the reason that they had taken the course for that offence in the preceding three years?

Answer:

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

PSNI are unable to collate this information and it is not available via the NDORS system. Although the information is held on a system it can not be collated in a retrievable format, i.e. the drivers licence number must be entered into the system, which then collates and checks the details for an eligibility check. The information is then either referred to NDORS or the driver is given a conditional offer.

Question 4

Which organisation (local authority, private company or other organisation) currently delivers each type of NDORS course on behalf of the police force? When is the expiry date of the current contract or arrangement?

Answer

PSNI have currently only one Course Provider 'AA DriveTech'.

The current contract was let on 01 April 2014 for a total of 5 years and is run on a 1+2+2 basis.

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.psnj.police.uk

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

Question 1 - Number of offers			
	NDIS	NDAC	NSAC
Mar-10	23	0	0
Jun-10	42		
Jul-10	24		90
Aug-10	9		507
Sep-10	25		1748
Oct-10	6		2567
Nov-10	22		2581
Dec-10	12		1802
	163	0	9295
	NDIS	NDAC	NSAC
Jan-11	33		2198
Feb-11	25		1020
Mar-11	21		1746
Apr-11	23		1422
May-11	13		1362
Jun-11	31		1538
Jul-11	27		1908
Aug-11	18		1598
Sep-11	28		1887
Oct-11	23		1459
Nov-11	31		1915
Dec-11	14		1527
	287	0	19580
	NDIS	NDAC	NSAC
Jan-12	43		2012
Feb-12	31		1595
Mar-12	19		1242
Apr-12	23		2054
May-12	33		1359

Jun-12	38		3395
Jul-12	44		3118
Aug-12	41		2702
Sep-12	29		2044
Oct-12	51		2287
Nov-12	32		2224
Dec-12	20		2987
	404	0	27019
	NDIS	NDAC	NSAC
Jan-13	34		2807
Feb-13	25		2219
Mar-13	27		2050
Apr-13	32		1479
May-13	29		1650
Jun-13	36		1956
Jul-13	29		1888
Aug-13	36		2680
Sep-13	42		3207
Oct-13	53		2985
Nov-13	27		2434
Dec-13	23		1975
	393	0	27330
	NDIS	NDAC	NSAC
Jan-14	26		2624
Feb-14	40		2336
Mar-14	43		1679
Apr-14	40		1627
May-14	44		2251
	193	0	10517

ALL FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE