



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2014-05860

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Speed Cameras In Ballyhackamore Area

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I would like to request all information relating to the Speed Camera located on the Upper Newtownards Road at Ballyhackamore, in East Belfast. In particular, I would like to know;

1. Details of periods of when the camera has not been in operation.
2. Numbers of motorists that have been captured by the camera.
3. Numbers of motorists who have been prosecuted.
4. A calculation of all fines that have paid as a direct result of this particular speed camera's operation.
5. Information on other speed cameras in this area.

#### Clarification

You have requested 'details of periods of when the camera has not been in operation', I have been informed by the record keeper for this data that the existing camera has been in situ since 2005 and it would require a manual search through their records in order to find all periods of time when the camera has been out of commission. They have informed us that to do this would put your request over cost by itself even before considering any other parts of your FOI request. The record keeper has asked if you would be willing to refine your first question to a smaller time frame such as the periods of time the camera has been out of operation in the last year. Please let us know if this is acceptable to you and I will forward the details of the refined FOI request back to the record holders.

Response: I would be happy to accept your suggestion of restricting my search to the previous year with regards to my point 1. If it turns out to be the case wherein my request as a whole is over the cost limit, then I would like to retract questions 1,2 and 3 in that order. Please only retract the minimum number of questions in order to ensure that my request falls within the appropriate time limit.

#### Clarification

The last question in your FOI request to the PSNI asks for '*Information on other speed cameras in this area*', in order for us to process this request can you provide a clarification as to what specific information you are requesting in relation to the other speed cameras and in which precise area your request relates to?

Response: Question 5 changed to, I would like to request the locations of other Speed Camera

located within Ballyhackamore and the total amount collected in fines as a direct result of these speed cameras recording motorists. Please provide a calculation for each individual camera that you make reference to.

### **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 answers for this request are based on the Fixed Camera situated on the Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast for the time period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

1. Details of when camera has not been in operation. The camera was out of operation from 10/03/2014 – 04/04/2014 and from 17/07/2014 – 24/07/2014.
2. The number of speeding detections at this site over the time period was 2,381.
3. The number of motorists referred for prosecution at this site over the time period was 133.
4. The number of motorists who have paid a £60 fine for the fixed penalty notice at this site over the time period was 800 (calculation of £48,000). (Please note a large proportion of the motorists detected for Excess Speed will be eligible for an Education Course and the up-take rate is circa 90%).
5. There are currently no other Fixed Speed Cameras within the Ballyhackamore area. A full list of all sites is available from the website below –

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/motoring/road-safety/roadsafetypartnership/safety-camera-locations.htm>

*Please note all figures are provisional and subject to change.*

*Source: NI Road Safety Partnership Statistician*

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.

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