



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03238

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Complaints And Information Regarding Killard Road Ballyhornan

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Details of all complaints made to PSNI in relation to the surface/condition of the Killard Road, Ballyhornan within the last ten years. This is to include complaints made by either members of the public or any other public agencies. This is also to include complaints made by phone, email or letter. The details should include the date of each complaint as well as specific information regarding the surface condition of the road complained of. Details should also be given of any action taken to address the complaint.

Clarification received: Furthermore, we wish to clarify that we require information on all complaints and reports to police regarding the surface and condition of the Killard Road, Ballyhornan rather than simply a description of collisions on the road.

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.

6th June 2010

Caller reports road in dangerous condition. Area checked by Police and no offences were disclosed.

4th August 2011

Caller reports road covered in cow dung. Department of Environment informed. Police spoke to one person and no further action was taken.

27th August 2011

Caller states road surface is extremely dangerous as covered in manure – Police informed Department for Rural Development.

5th June 2012

Caller reports main road is covered in cow muck and is going to cause an accident. Department of Environment aware. Police checked area and no offences were disclosed. No further police action.

9th March 2013

Caller reports damage to grass verge. Police informed the Department for Regional Development.

12th June 2013

Caller reports road blocked. Police informed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

No further records of the condition of the road were found during the period you requested.

Question 2

Any information held by PSNI in relation to accidents which have occurred on the Killard Road over the last 10 years.

Clarification Received: In relation to the suggested content, we would be obliged if details of the road condition at the time of the collision could be provided for all collision incidents.

Answer

Please see the tables below on pages numbered 1-2.

N.B. The set list for road conditions is as follows:

Dry
Wet/Damp
Snow
Frost/ice
Flood
Oil
Mud
Leaves
Slippery
Other road conditions

The data on road conditions is collated for fatal and serious collisions only and describes the state of the road surface more in terms of weather conditions rather than any wear or tear. I can advise that each of the 4 logs has been examined to ascertain if there was anything concerning the state of the road to have caused the collision and can advise that there is no recorded information in relation to the state of road at time of collision.

Question 3

Any other information held by the PSNI in relation to the surface or condition of the Killard Road within the last 10 years.

Answer

No other information held.

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.

Collision history of injury road traffic collisions reported to the police

Collision history of Killard Rd between Kilclief Road and Ardglass Rd, Ballyhornan

1st April 2005 to 31st March 2015

Fatal Collisions	Serious Collisions	Slight Collisions	All Collisions
1	1	2	4

Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	All Casualties
1	2	5	8

Injuries/fatalities by Road User Type	
Pedestrian	3
Driver	2
Motorcyclist	0
Pedal Cyclist	0
Passenger	3
Pillion Passenger	0
Other	0
Total	8

Please be aware that these do not include collisions at the above junctions

Due to ongoing validation, this information may be subject to change

¹ There were also 6 damage only collisions occurring on the Killard Road between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2015

Details of injury collisions occurring on the Killard Road between 1st April 2005 and 31st March 2015

Date	Time	Location	X	Y	Collision Type	Road Conditions	Killed	Serious	Slight	Pedestrian	Driver	Motorcyclist	Pedal Cyclist	Passenger	Pillion passenger	Other	Total
18-Oct-07	21:50	Killard Rd 116 metres south of Benderg Pk	359247	342051	Serious	Dry	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	4
24-Aug-12	16:00	Killard Rd 1750 metres north of Ardglass Rd	359746	342879	Slight	Not Known	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25-Jun-14	16:18	Killard Rd 900 metres west of Benberg Pk	359752	342898	Fatal	Wet/Damp	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
28-Aug-14	16:10	Killard Rd 865 metres north of Benderg Pk	359744	342864	Slight	Not Known	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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- Flood
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- Mud
- Leaves
- Slippery
- Other road conditions

These are collated for fatal and serious collisions only and describe the state of the road surface more in terms of weather conditions rather than any wear or tear. Because of the small number of recorded accidents it was possible to read through each to ascertain if there was anything concerning the state of the road which may have caused the collision but nothing about this was mentioned.