



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00870

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Using a Mobile Phone While Driving

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to request information on the number of drivers cautioned or charged for using a hand held mobile device whilst driving for each of the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, broken down by police district in Northern Ireland. I would also like to request the annual total for each of the above years of fixed penalty fines issued for the offence over the same period, broken down by police district.

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 below a table showing the number of drivers cautioned, charged or issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for Using a Mobile Phone Whilst Driving/Using a Hand Held Mobile Phone for 2012, 2013 and 2014 broken down by Police District.

Drivers Cautioned	2012	2013	2014
Using A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving / Using a Hand-Held Mobile Phone			
A District	0	1	0
B District	2	1	2
C District	3	0	0
D District	0	1	0
E District	1	3	5
F District	3	0	0
G District	1	13	2
H District	1	0	0
TOTAL	11	19	9

Drivers Charged	2012	2013	2014
Using A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving / Using a Hand-Held Mobile Phone			
A District	0	2	2
B District	0	0	1
C District	4	3	2
D District	3	1	3
E District	3	5	10
F District	3	1	3
G District	7	10	3
H District	3	1	2
TOTAL	23	23	26

Fixed Penalty Notice Issued	2012	2013	2014
Using a hand-held mobile phone			
A District	182	228	227
B District	345	218	321
C District	532	514	598
D District	776	695	803
E District	1333	910	1062
F District	704	512	591
G District	1048	1149	895
H District	534	478	474
TOTAL	5454	4704	4971

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.

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