



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00042

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Smoking In Vehicles Containing Person Under 18 Years Old

Request and Answer:

My FOI request concerns smoking in vehicles.

Since October 1 2015, it has been illegal in the UK to smoke in a vehicle with anyone under 18 years old. It is also against the law for a driver not to stop someone smoking in these circumstances. The fine for both offences is £50.

Question 1

How many times did you record this law being violated during October, November and December 2015?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

The legislation referred to has not come into force yet in Northern Ireland.

Smoking bans in Northern Ireland currently refer to smoke free premises and work vehicles.

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.

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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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