



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-00463

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Laser Jamming Devices

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the use of laser jamming devices being illegally employed by motorists to evade detection by speed cameras.

Could you tell me:

Whether your force has brought any prosecutions for perverting the course of justice or obstruction of a police officer in which the charge involved a motorist/car owner being suspected of using some form of laser jamming device to evade a speed camera (fixed or handheld).

#### Question 2

Please provide the number of times that charges of this nature have been brought over the last 5 years for which data is available (eg. 2016, 15, 14, 13 and 12). If data is not available by calendar year, please supply information for the most recent financial years.

#### Question 3

Please provide the number of times that the charge has progressed to a guilty plea in court, or a finding of guilt after a trial, again broken down over the last 5 years.

### 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.

Searches carried out by the PSNI Central Statistics and Roads Policing branches have confirmed that this offence has not yet been enacted in Northern Ireland and therefore there is no information held in relation to this offence.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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