

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-02376

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Road Traffic Collisions

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

How many car accidents in the last 5 years have included 2 or more people under the age of 20 in the same car?

#### Request 2

How many car accidents in the last 5 years including 2 or more people under the age of 20 have resulted in a fatality?

#### Clarification Requested

Statistics Branch record information for injury road traffic collisions but not for damage only collisions. Please let me know if you would be content to receive this.

#### Clarification Received

I am content to receive this.

Your requests for information have now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

How many car accidents in the last 5 years have included 2 or more people under the age of 20 in the same car?

#### Answer

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 there were 1,390 injury collisions (including fatal collisions) where 2 or more occupants under the age of 20 were in the same car.

#### Request 2

How many car accidents in the last 5 years including 2 or more people under the age of 20 have resulted in a fatality?

#### Answer

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 there were 21 fatal collisions where 2 or more

occupants under the age of 20 were in the same car.

Statistics Branch only collate information on the driver and injured occupants of a vehicle involved in a road traffic collision. Uninjured passengers are not collated in the data and therefore the figures provided above may be an undercount of the actual number involved.

Please note these figures include children who were travelling with a parent or guardian.

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.

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