



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02062

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Bicycles Without a Fitted Bell

### Request and 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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Request

Under Freedom of Information legislation please provide me with a microsoft excel spreadsheet breakdown of the number of times police have identified an individual in Northern Ireland because they (i) tried to sell a bicycle without a bell fitted (ii) were using a bicycle without a bell fitted. Please provide a separate spreadsheet for part (i) and part (ii) and please provide the following column headings for each incident.

- Date of incident;
- Gender of offender;
- Age (or age bracket) of offender;
- Location by street address including county and post code. If that is not possible, then by policing district or area (or council) where the offender was caught;
- Were they issued with a warning or caution (y/n);
- Were they arrested (y/n);

Please provide me with this information for the time period January 2012 to December 2017, or the longest time period possible to comply with cost and time exemptions.

### Answer

Statistics Branch, PSNI has confirmed one offence is recorded in relation to having no bell on a bicycle. Please see Excel spreadsheet, attached separately to this correspondence.

**Please note:** Offence codes are loaded unto a shared database, when PPS (Public Prosecution Service) receive a recommendation for a prosecution of a new or obscure offence. The original legislation is examined and the necessary charge is drawn up and placed on the shared database. It is then loaded for any subsequent cases that are taken. As Regulation 4 (offence to supply a cycle without a bell) does not have an offence code, a charge has not to date, been proffered to PPS for this offence. As soon as it is, PPS will create it and load unto the system. Therefore, no retailer has been prosecuted for supplying a pedal cycle without a bell.

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.