



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2019-00346

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Fines Against Cyclists 2013-2019

Request and Answer:

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 1

In the last five financial years (2013/2014, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017-present date) how many fines were handed down to cyclists for breaking the law?

Request 2

What were the fines for? For example; riding on a footpath, riding at night without lights, failing to stop at junctions.

Answer

PSNI Central Statistics Unit has stated that PSNI do not hold data on the number of fines as this is a matter for the courts, however we could provide the numbers who received a Fixed Penalty Notice or were referred for prosecution for the specific cycling offences shown below.

Offence Code	Offence Wording
N049	Dangerous cycling
N152	No lights on pedal cycle
FP5014012	No Lights on Pedal Cycle
SB5008247	DANGEROUS CYCLING
SB5008248	CYCLING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION
SB5008249	CYCLING WITHOUT REASONABLE CONSIDERATION
SB5008250	CYCLING WHEN UNFIT THROUGH DRINK OR DRUGS
SB5009003	TAKING A CYCLE WITHOUT AUTHORITY
SB5014012	NO LIGHTS ON PEDAL CYCLE
SB5014073	NO LIGHTS ON PEDAL CYCLE
SB5014076	UNLIT PEDAL CYCLE
SB5016047	DEFECTIVE BRAKES ON PEDAL CYCLE

SB5016051	UNLAWFUL CARRIAGE OF PASSENGER ON PEDAL CYCLE
SB5016136	NO BELL ON PEDAL CYCLE
FP5008247	DANGEROUS CYCLING
SB5016053	CYCLIST FAILING TO GIVE CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS

This information would not include those cyclists who are detected under generic offence codes such as 'N018 – Failing to drive / ride to the rule of the road' which incorporates offences such as cycling on the footpath as well as undertaking therefore can apply to either drivers or cyclists.

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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