



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00131

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Convictions for Using a Mobile Phone Whilst Driving

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

How many drivers in your area were fined/prosecuted/disqualified for driving whilst using a mobile phone at the wheel between 01 March 2017 and 31 December 2017. If possible, response to be split into:

- a. No. of drivers fined
- b. No. of drivers prosecuted
- c. No. of drivers disqualified from driving
- d. Total number of drivers fined/prosecuted/disqualified

Note: if a split of data is not available just the total no of drivers caught would be really helpful

Answer 1

Fixed Penalty Notice	3624
Referred for Prosecution	685
Total	4309

Please note that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold information on the number of drivers disqualified from driving.

Request 2

Of the total number of drivers fined/prosecuted/disqualified for using a mobile phone at the wheel between 01 March 2017 and 31 December 2017 how many (number or percentage) were men and how many were women?

Answer 2

	Fixed Penalty Notice	Referred for Prosecution	Total
Male	2785	578	3363
Female	839	107	846
Total	3624	685	4309

Request 3

Of the total number of drivers fined/prosecuted/disqualified for using a mobile phone at the wheel between 01 March 2017 and 31 December 2017 please can you tell me how many were:

- a. Aged below 20
- b. 20-39
- c. 30-39
- d. 40-49
- e. 50-59
- f. 60-69
- g. 70 plus

Answer 3

	Fixed Penalty Notice	Referred for Prosecution	Total
Aged <20	79	14	93
20 – 29	851	199	1050
30 – 39	1057	212	1269
40 – 49	811	124	935
50 – 59	544	92	636
60 -69	227	37	264
70 +	55	7	62
Total	3624	685	4309

Request 4

Of the total number of drivers fined/prosecuted/disqualified for using a mobile phone at the wheel between 01 March 2017 and 31 December 2017 please can you tell me how many were:

- a. Driving a motorbike
- b. Driving a car
- c. Driving a taxi
- d. Driving a van
- e. Driving a bus
- f. Driving an HGV

Answer

PSNI does not hold the information requested.

Please note all figures are provisional and subject to change.

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.

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.

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