



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02149

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Use of Electrically Assisted Bicycles in Northern Ireland

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

Currently, e-bikes used on the public roads in Northern Ireland are referred to in legislation as electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs). Under existing legislation EAPCs are treated as being motor vehicles. Therefore, users must wear a crash helmet when riding an electric bike, must ensure that their bikes are registered, licensed and insured before use and they must hold a valid or full driving licence. Please tell me how many cyclists in Northern Ireland have been charged under this legislation, and how many of those were convicted, since 01/01/2016.

Answer

PSNI Statistics branch cannot identify the type of vehicle detected for motoring offences and therefore do not hold the required information to answer this request.

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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