



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02732

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: 20MPH Speed Limits and Smoking In Cars

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

Details of policing 20mph speed limits - could you please provide the following details for the time since the first 20mph speed limit was introduced in your police force area?
When was the first 20mph area introduced in your police force area (month and year)?

Answer

January 2016 saw the first enforceable 20mph zone introduced to encompass Belfast City Centre. A number of part-time 20mph limits at schools have also been introduced. There are a number of other advisory 20mph zones but PSNI do not hold a record of these locations.

Request 2

How many roads have a 20mph speed limit in your police force area?

Answer

Please see attached map of Belfast City Centre showing the extent of the zone and the roads covered. For part-time limits at schools see: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/news/part-time-20mph-speed-limit-introduced-seven-rural-primary-schools>

Request 3

What is the total length in miles/km of all the roads with 20mph speed limits in your police force area?

Answer

PSNI do not hold this information, I would suggest that possibly the Department for Infrastructure (Roads) may hold this information. Please also see: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/news/part-time-20mph-speed-limit-introduced-seven-rural-primary-schools>

Request 4

Number of vehicles stopped because of drivers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

PSNI do not hold this information.

Request 5

Verbal warnings for drivers/passengers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

PSNI do not hold this information.

Request 6

Number of fines/penalty charge notices issued for drivers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

One Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued.

Request 7

Total value of fines/penalty charge notices issued for drivers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

The total value is £60.

Request 8

Number of court summons issued for drivers/passengers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

Nil.

Request 9

Prosecutions for drivers/passengers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

Nil.

Request 10

Details of any sentences for drivers travelling above 20mph.

Answer

Nil.

Request 11

Details of policing smoking in cars carrying children – only if this applies.
Number of vehicles stopped because of drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 12

Number of verbal warnings for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 13

Fines/penalty charge notices issued for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 14

Total value of fines/penalty charge notices issued for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 15

Number of court summons issued for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 16

Number of prosecutions for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Request 17

Details of any sentences for drivers/passengers smoking in cars.

Answer

The legislation for policing smoking in cars is not yet in place in Northern Ireland.

This information has been provided by the PSNI Roads Policing Unit and Central Statistics Unit.

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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