



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02809

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Arrests for Drink Driving 2008 - 2018

### 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

Could you send me the figures for the following please:

The number of people arrested for Drink driving from 2008 – 2018 (figures per year please)

### Number of arrests for a Drink/Drug driving offence, 1st January 2008 - 31st August 2018

Year	Number of arrests for a Drink Drug driving offence
2008	4,411
2009	4,413
2010	3,783
2011	3,668
2012	3,438
2013	3,039
2014	2,968
2015	3,006
2016	3,192
2017	3,140
2018 (to 31 <sup>st</sup> August)	1,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,725</b>

## Request 2

The age of the youngest person to be arrested for Drink driving in 2008 – 2018 (and the year in which that happened)

### Youngest person arrested for Drink driving, 2008-2018

There were 11 arrests involving 14 year olds throughout the period, broken down by year as follows:

Year	Age	Number of arrests
2008	14	1
2009	14	2
2010	14	1
2011	14	2
2012	14	1
2015	14	2
2017	14	1
2018 (to 31st August)	14	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>

#### Notes:

- 1. A number of the relevant offences encompass drink or drug driving and it is not possible for us to separate the two. For this reason, the figures include those who have been arrested for drink / drug driving.**
- 2. Figures are provisional and subject to change.**
- 3. Figures for 2018 include up to 31st August.**

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).

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