



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02490

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Drink 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

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act: The number of drivers caught over the legal drink-drive limit in your force area, broken down by month for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

#### Answer

Number of persons referred for prosecution for a drink driving offence by month:

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018*</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	231	184	219	634
February	212	210	217	639
March	247	226	235	708
April	255	231	227	713
May	247	216	199	662
June	226	239	217	682
July	269	268	195	732
August	211	234	155	600
September	233	223	175	631
October	275	266	0	541
November	247	226	0	473
December	256	278	0	534
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>7,549</b>

\*to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### Request 2

The number of drivers caught over the legal drink-drive limit in your force area, broken down by age and gender of the offender, and broken down by year for 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

## Answer

Number of persons referred for prosecution for a drink/drug driving offence by age and gender: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

	2016	2017	2018*	Total
<b>Female</b>				
Under 18	2	1	4	7
18 - 29	149	137	103	389
30 - 49	222	213	159	594
50 - 69	104	110	68	282
70+	6	5	5	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1288</b>
<b>Male</b>				
Under 18	32	27	16	75
18 - 29	931	905	513	2,349
30 - 49	1,082	1,002	710	2,794
50 - 69	350	367	238	955
70+	30	34	22	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>6,259</b>
<b>Other / Unknown</b>				
18 - 29	1	0	1	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>				
Under 18	34	28	20	82
18 - 29	1,081	1,042	617	2,740
30 - 49	1,304	1,215	869	3,388
50 - 69	454	477	306	1,237
70+	36	39	27	102
Unknown				
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>7,549</b>

\*to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Request 3

The three dates of the year that most people were caught over the legal drink-drive limit in your force area, including the number of offenders caught on each of these days, broken down by year for 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

## Answer

Top 3 dates where a person was referred for prosecution for a drink/drug driving offence

2016	2017	Jan-Sept 2018
1st Jan 2016 - 29	18th Jun 2017 - 23	28th Jan 2018 - 22
2nd Oct 2016 - 25	29th Oct 2017 - 22	11th Feb 2018 - 22
25th Sep 2016 - 24	1st Jan 2017 - 21	25th Feb 2018 - 21
	18th Mar 2017 - 21	18th Mar 2018 - 21
	9th Apr 2017 - 21	
	14th Oct 2017 - 21	

## Notes:

All figures are provisional and subject to change, particularly those for more recent months which are likely to increase as the system is updated.

This information has been provided by the PSNI 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.

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).

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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