



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-03055

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: RTCs Caused by Spreading Deer Populations

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 RTCs have been caused in the last 5 years in Ards and North Down because of spreading deer populations?

Answer

The number of police recorded injury road traffic collisions involving a deer as the primary causation in the Ards and North Down Local Government District was two collisions (both collisions in 2017). This is for the period 1st December 2013 to 30th November 2018, the latest 5 year period of available data. Please note that the data for April to November 2018 is currently provisional and subject to further validation and change.

Request 2

How many RTCs have been caused in the last 5 years on the Bangor Road, Newtownards because of spreading deer populations?

Answer

The number of police recorded injury road traffic collisions involving a deer as the primary causation on the Bangor Road, Newtownards was one collision (single collision in 2017). This is for the period 1st December 2013 to 30th November 2018, the latest 5 year period of available data. Please note that the data for April to November 2018 is currently provisional and subject to further validation and change.

Please note that these figures are based on police recorded injury road traffic collisions.

This information has been provided by 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.

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