



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01262

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** RTCs in Ards and North Down

**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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

**Request**

The number of RTCs and RTAs that have been caused in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area due to drink driving offences in the last 5 years.

**Answer**

Please see the table below detailing the number of Police Recorded Injury Road Traffic Collisions in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area, for the period 2013/14 to 2017/18.

Year	Collisions where the principal causation factor was recorded as 'Impaired by alcohol driver/rider'
2013/14	6
2014/15	19
2015/16	21
2016/17	26
2017/18	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

**Please note:** The information provided relates to the number of road traffic collisions where the principal causation factor was recorded by the PSNI as 'Impaired by alcohol – driver/rider' and not necessarily those which resulted in a drink driving conviction, which is a matter for the courts.

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.

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