



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01377

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speeding Fines

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

A monthly total of how many speeding fines were issued by speed cameras in your constabulary in 2016, 2017 and January - May 2018.

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.

Please find a link to the information which is already published and is available by accessing the link provided below:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/ni-road-safety-partnership>

Figures relating to 2018 have not been provided; please see the following explanation below.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

Section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publication

The full text of exemptions can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk and further guidance on how they

operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website www.ico.org.uk.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Under Section 22 (1) of the Act the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is not obliged to disclose information that is held with a view to its publication at some future date.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption so therefore the PSNI is obliged to carry out a Public Interest Test.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release

Disclosure would demonstrate PSNI's openness and transparency.

Factors Favouring Retention

The spending of additional funds in order to facilitate this FOI request would not be in the public interest as this information is due to be released in the near future.

Decision

There needs to be a real and valid reason which identifies a tangible benefit to the public from disclosure of information. As the information is intended to be published at a future date, this year, it is reasonable to exempt it as publication is imminent.

The information requested for 2018's half-year figures are to be released shortly and will be available at the link below:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/ni-road-safety-partnership> .

Request 2

A monthly total of how much money was collected from speeding fines in your constabulary in 2016, 2017 and January - May 2018.

Request 3

The ten most active speed cameras in your constabulary in 2016, 2017 and January - May 2018, detailing how many speeding offences they each recorded and how much money they each collected in speeding fines.

Request 4

The highest recorded speeding offences (miles per hour) in your constabulary in 2016, 2017 and January - May 2018, detailing which speed cameras recorded these offences.

Answers 2 - 4

In addition to the response information provided on the separate spreadsheet :

Please note that PSNI do not collate the fines broken down by each camera as financial information and searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 5

How many Band A, Band B and Band C speeding offences were committed in your constabulary between May 2017 - May 2018?

Answer

PSNI Roads Policing searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records

or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

PSNI do not recognise this terminology. We understand it may be linked to GB legislation which links the severity of the speed breach to an individual offender's ability to pay. A similar scheme is not in place in N Ireland.

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.

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

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