



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00416

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Serious Road Accidents

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

Please provide the number of serious road accidents (involving serious injury or fatalities) reported to your force for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to date

Request 2

Please provide the age range of the drivers (of vehicles with 4 wheels or more - so not bicycles or motorbikes) involved in these serious road accidents

Broken down by the following age ranges:

- a) 17 to 25
- b) 26 to 35
- c) 36 to 45
- d) 46 to 55
- e) 56 to 65
- f) 66 to 75
- g) Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15

- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to date

Request 3

Where possible, please provide the age range of the driver found responsible for these serious road accidents

Broken down by the following age ranges:

- a) 17 to 25
- b) 26 to 35
- c) 36 to 45
- d) 46 to 55
- e) 56 to 65
- f) 66 to 75
- g) Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to date

Clarification from Requester

I've had a few queries for clarification on whether below request is for calendar years or financial years. I can confirm I am requesting the information for calendar years - so my requests for Qs 1 to 3 should really read i) 2012 ii) 2013 iii) 2014 iv) 2015 v) 2016 vi) 2017 and vii) 2018 to date (if possible). I hope this makes sense? Apologies for the confusion with this. Also, if gathering information for Q3 is too costly or difficult, I will accept responses to just Q1 and 2.

Answer

Please find attached a spread sheet containing the information requested. Please note the figures supplied are up to the end of 2017 only. The 2017/18 financial year figures, which will include January to March 2018, are due for publication on 25th May 2018.

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.

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