

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-00064

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Vehicle Crime 2021

### Request and Answer:

I'm writing to request data on the following aspects of vehicle crime for the 2021 calendar year under the Freedom of Information Act:

#### Request 1

The number of offences recorded under the offence codes DR10 to DR61, and DG10 to DG90.

#### Request 2

The number of offences under the offence code IN10.

#### Answers 1 and 2

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/s, 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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) and further guidance on how they operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://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.

Motoring offences data for the time period requested are not yet available and will be published on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. In addition, the codes provided are GB enforcement codes and therefore do not apply in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland do not have separate offences for drink / drug driving

therefore we are unable to disaggregate detections in this way.

The latest available monthly report, which includes the most recent figures for drink / drug driving offences detected, can be found on the PSNI website at the following link and refers to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/>

Please note:

- The figures are provisional and subject to change.
- The drink/drug driving offence group includes a range of related offences including unfit, driving, attempting to drive, in charge and failure to provide in relation to drink or drugs. The full list of offences by offence group can be found on the PSNI website at the above link.

The latest available monthly report which includes the most recent figures for insurance offences detected can be found on the PSNI website at the following link and refers to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/>

Please note:

- The figures are provisional and subject to change.
- The insurance offence group includes a range of related offences including driving, attempting to drive, permitting no insurance and failure to produce insurance. The full list of offences by offence group can be found on the PSNI website at the above link.

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 additional funds incurred in facilitating this FOI request would not be in the public interest as this information is due to be released in the near future.

### **Decision**

As the information is intended to be published in the near future it is reasonable to exempt the request.

### **Request 3**

The number of people caught by speed cameras.

### **Answer**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, there was a total of 43,600 detections for speeding by the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership (NIRSP). Figures for the 2021 calendar year will be published in the summer of 2022.

Please note: Figures are based on data extracted on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and are provisional and likely

to increase as more detections are progressed through the system.

If you have any queries regarding your request please write or contact the Corporate Information Branch on 028 9070 0164. Please remember to quote the reference number listed above in any future communications with the Corporate Information Branch.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at [www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/](http://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/)

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 their discretion.

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

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