

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00082

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speeding Tickets Issued (2021 - 2022)

Request and Answer:

Request 1

The total number of speeding tickets handed out to drivers in your constabulary between 1st January 2021 to 1st January 2022.

Request 2

This information should include the collated total number of fines for drivers of cars, HGVs, LCVs, Buses and Motorcycles that exceeded the outlined speeding limit.

Answers

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 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.

The information you requested is intended to be published by PSNI, on the 31st March 2022. The latest available monthly report can be found on the PSNI website at the following link and refers to 1st November 2020 – 31st October 2021:

Please note:

- The statistics for 1st November 2020 – 31st October 2021 are provisional and subject to change.
- The figures include PSNI detections only. They do not include detections for speeding which were made by the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership.

The report includes the total number of Fixed Penalty Notices, speed awareness courses and referrals for prosecution broken down by speeding, which includes all vehicle types.

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.

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.

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/

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.psni.police.uk

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