



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-00580

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Motoring Accidents involving a Phone or Camera

### Request and Answer:

#### Request

The annual number of motoring accidents recorded by your police force where either the driver or a passenger of a vehicle involved was filming on a phone or camera. Please could you provide the data for the past five years, and break the information down by calendar year.

#### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to your Request. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

For information, whilst PSNI can provide the number of collisions where the primary causation was related to the driver of the vehicle using a mobile phone, this does not indicate in what capacity the phone was being used as per your Request.

In addition, there is no causation factor related to the use of a mobile phone by a passenger. As such we would not hold this information.

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

#### Advice and Assistance

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, PSNI will always try to assist you to refine your request and provide advice where we can. PSNI has considered how your request may be refined and we can confirm that the PSNI can provide the following:

- The number of collisions where the primary causation was related to the driver of the vehicle using a mobile phone.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 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.