

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-00927

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Belfast 20mph Limit

### Request and 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 hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

I was wondering if the Belfast centre 20mph speed limit is an actual legal limit? If so is there a time frame when this is operational?

#### Answer

The 20mph speed limits within Belfast City Centre are mandatory legal limits as indicated by the Regulatory signs when entering the limit and the repeater signs. The speed limit is enforceable 24hrs a day. A map and a list of the streets which are covered by the 20mph limit can be viewed on the Department for Infrastructure website.

#### Request 2

Is there an element of common sense involved here as well. For example if it is not busy and or safe to do so is it legal to drive at 25/30 mph?

#### Answer

20mph is the permissible upper limit, however this should not be seen as a target speed at which to drive in all circumstances but only when it is safe to do so.

A map and a list of the streets which are covered by the 20mph limit can be viewed on the Department for Infrastructure website: [www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](http://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk).

Map and schedule of streets for Belfast City centre 20mph speed limit zone:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/map-and-schedule-streets-belfast-city-centre-20-mph-speed-limit-zone>

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/)

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