



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01427

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Warnings issued and vehicles seized under S.59 Police Reform Act

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 some information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Number of warnings issued under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 for the antisocial use of a vehicle. In addition, number of warnings issued to riders of an e-scooter.

Request 2

Number of vehicles seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002. In addition, the number of e-scooters seized using this power.

I would like all of this data for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years please.

Answers

It should be noted that Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 is only applicable in Great Britain and the N Ireland equivalent of this legislation is 'Article 65 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008'

Please see table below for number of warnings issued and vehicles seized under the relevant N Ireland legislation.

Date	Total of Warnings issued	Total of Vehicles seized
2018-19	30	2
2019-20	54	8
2020-21	121	14

In response to the element of your requests regarding 'e scooters', enquiries made in relation to warnings and seizures regarding 'e-scooters' issued under the N Ireland legislation failed to locate any records or documents relevant to this aspect of the request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI do not hold any vehicle classification/description that would identify e-scooters.

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

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.

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.